COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 61/77

of 13 January 1977

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2804/76 on the distillation of wines suitable for producing certain potable spirits obtained from wine with a registered designation of origin for the 1976/77 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 of 28 April 1970 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2842/76 (2), and in particular Article 6b (4) thereof,

Whereas by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2804/76 of 19 November 1976 (3), the distillation provided for in the second subparagraph of Article 6b (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 is permitted for the 1976/77 marketing year;

Whereas the closing date of 31 December 1976 for the lodging of applications for the approval of contracts provided for in the first subparagraph of Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2804/76 has proved to be too early to enable the distillation operation to serve its intended purpose; whereas the closing date should therefore be postponed to 15 February 1977, which also involves extending the periods laid down for the approval of contracts and for informing the Commission as to the quantities covered by the approved contracts;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 2804/76 is amended as follows:

1. The dates contained in the first and second subparagraphs of Article 1 are hereby replaced by 15 February 1977 and 15 March 1977 respectively.

2. The date, 15 February 1977 contained in Article 5 (1) is hereby replaced by 31 March 1977.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply with effect from 1 January 1977.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 13 January 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 327, 26. 11. 1976, p. 2.
(3) OJ No L 320, 20. 11. 1976, p. 22.