COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 30/78

of 6 January 1978

derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2051/76 as regards the dates laid down for deliveries in connection with obligatory distillation for the 1976/77 wine-growing 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 2560/77 (2), and in particular Articles 24 (7) and 35 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2051/76 of 19 August 1976 laying down detailed rules for the distillation of the by-products of wine-making in respect of the wine-growing year 1976/77 (3) fixed time limits for the fulfilment of the producers' obligations and for the delivery of the alcohol to the intervention agencies;

Whereas, following the amendment of certain provisions relating to obligatory distillation and intervention, the application of Article 24 of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 during the 1976/77 wine-growing year seems to have given rise to difficulties in the proper performance of the operations in question and prevented certain producers from fulfilling their obligations in time;

Whereas, therefore, for the sake of fairness these producers should, by way of exception, be granted a further opportunity to fulfil their obligations, and a new time limit for delivery of the alochol thus obtained to the intervention agency should be fixed;

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

1. By way of derogation from Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2051/76, producers who have not fulfilled their obligations may do so by delivering wine produced by them for distillation on or before 31 January 1978.

2. The alcohol obtained from the distillation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be delivered by the distillers to the intervention agencies by 28 February 1978 at the latest.

Article 2

Member States shall communicate to the Commission before 31 March 1978:

— the quantities of alcohol delivered to the intervention agencies,

— the selling prices charged and the characteristics of the products sold at these prices.

Article 3

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

It shall apply with effect from 16 July 1977.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 January 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 303, 28. 11. 1977, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 228, 20. 8. 1976, p. 11.