COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 898/78

of 28 April 1978

enabling short-term private storage contracts to be concluded for table wines closely related economically to the A I type of table wine

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 the second subparagraph of Article 5 (7) thereof,

Whereas the second subparagraph of Article 5 (2) thereof provides that, if the state of the market so requires, a decision may be taken to allow short-term storage contracts to be concluded in respect of table wines other than those of the type for which this possibility exists, where such table wines are closely related economically to that type of table wine ;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 844/78 of 26 April 1978 (3) enabled short-term private storage contracts to be concluded for the A I type of table wine ;

Whereas table wine prices on the Community market are at present falling ; whereas this trend has been marked by the fact that intervention measures have had to be brought into effect for the A I type of table wine ; whereas, however, large quantities of white table wines that are closely related economically to the A I type of table wine are on the market and are subject to the general decline in prices ;

Whereas these white table wines that are closely related economically to the A I type of table wine are not covered by the said intervention measures, and consequently may prevent the measures taken from having the effect desired ; whereas, therefore, storage contracts should be allowed to be concluded for such table wines ;

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. The power to conclude short-term private storage contracts for the A I type of table wine granted by Regulation (EEC) No 844/78 is hereby extended to white table wines that are closely related economically to the A I type of table wine.

2. White table wines with an actual alcoholic strength of not more than 14°, and which do not fall within type A II and type A III, shall be considered to be closely related economically to the A I type of table wine.

3. The power referred to in paragraph 1 shall continue for as long as the same power exists under Regulation (EEC) No 844/78 for the A I type of table wine.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 29 April 1978.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 April 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 115, 27. 4. 1978, p. 38.