COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1714/79

of 3 August 1979

on the granting of re-storage aid for table wine for which a storage contract was concluded during the 1978/79 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 337/79 of 5 February 1979 on the common organization of the market in wine (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1303/79 (2), and in particular Articles 10 and 65 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2015/76 of 13 August 1976 on storage contracts for table wine, grape must and concentrated grape must (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2945/78 (4), lays down the conditions for the conclusion of contracts;

Whereas the quantities of table wine in stock are large for the time of year; whereas this is due to the fact that outlets during the current wine-growing year have been lower than usual in some regions;

Whereas the initial harvest forecasts suggest that production will be substantially higher than in recent years;

Whereas the wine that is under storage contracts is stored in containers which may be required to store the next harvest;

Whereas, in order that producers may store their next vintage under normal conditions, aid should be granted for the re-storage of table wine, but subject to a limitation as to distance;

Whereas, in order to limit this measure to cases where it appears economically justified, only those storage contracts concluded or extended by the intervention agencies during a given period should be considered; whereas, in order to ensure that the measure operates correctly, provisions should also be adopted concerning the nature of the transport and the date of submission of the application;

Whereas, since there is little time for administrative implementation and since the quantities involved are often small and the transport costs small by comparison with the total costs, a standard amount of aid 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

On application and subject to the conditions laid down in Article 2, aid may be granted for the re-storage, in another location or in another warehouse belonging to a third party, of table wine covered by a storage contract under Regulation (EEC) No 2015/76.

Article 2

Aid may be granted only where:

— the distance to the new place of storage does not exceed 150 kilometres; nevertheless, where storage capacity is not available within this distance, the intervention agency may authorize transport to the nearest appropriate place of storage,

— the storage contracts in question have either been concluded or had their validity extended by the intervention agencies under Article 16 of Regulation (EEC) No 2015/76 not later than 31 July 1979 and, in the case of long-term storage contracts, expire after 30 September 1979,

— re-storage takes place between 15 August and 20 October 1979 and the transport is carried out in one or more vehicles,

— applications for aid, together with the supporting documents, are submitted by 31 October 1979 to the intervention agency of the Member State concerned.

(1) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 162, 30. 6. 1979, p. 28.
(3) OJ No L 221, 14. 8. 1976, p. 20.
(4) OJ No L 351, 15. 12. 1978, p. 18.

Article 3

The aid for all table wines shall be 1·10 units of account per hectolitre.

Article 4

1. Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure the necessary controls ; they shall, in particular, check that the re-storage of the wine has actually taken place.

2. Member States shall notify the Commission by 31 January 1980 of the quantities of wine which have been re-stored.

Article 5

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

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

Done at Brussels, 3 August 1979.

For the Commission

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