COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2524/79

of 15 November 1979

derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 1945/78 as regards the dates laid down for deliveries in connection with obligatory distillation for 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 39 (7) and 65 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1945/78 of 11 August 1978 laying down detailed rules for the distillation of the by-products of wine-making in respect of the wine-growing year 1978/79 [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 39 of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 during the 1978/79 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 be granted a further opportunity to fulfil their obligations, and a new time limit for delivery of the alcohol 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 1945/78, producers who have not fulfilled their obligations may do so by delivering their wine for distillation on or before 31 December 1979.

2. The alcohol obtained from the distillation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be delivered by the distillers to the intervention agencies by 31 January 1980 at the latest.

Article 2

Member States shall communicate to the Commission before 31 March 1980:

— 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 1979.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 November 1979.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(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, 12. 8. 1978, p. 9.