COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2546/79

of 16 November 1979

amending Regulations (EEC) No 2187/79 and (EEC) No 2281/79 on the application of the additional measures applicable to holders of long-term storage contracts for certain table wines for the 1978/79 wine-growing year and derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2186/79

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 last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2397/79 (2), and in particular Article 12 (4) thereof,

Whereas Article 1 (2) (a) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2187/79 (3) and Article 1 (a) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2281/79 (4) provide that holders of long-term storage contracts for table wines of type R I and R II and for wines which are in close economic relationship therewith may distil a quantity of wine not exceeding 60 % of the quantity under contract; whereas current supplies of these two types of table wine have greatly exceeded the harvest forecasts on the basis of which the percentage of 60 % for the said wines was fixed; whereas, in view of this situation, the said percentage should be fixed at 100;

Whereas the long-term storage contracts subject to the provisions of the said Regulations expire on or before 15 November 1979; whereas, in order that this Regulation may have the anticipated effects on the table wine market, it is necessary to extend the time limits laid down in Articles 4 (1) and 10 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2186/79 (5) and to provide for the necessary adjustments to the storage contracts referred to in Article 2 (2) (b) thereof;

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

The expression '60 %' in paragraph 2 (a) of Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2187/79 and in Article 1 (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 2281/79 is replaced by '100 %'.

Article 2

1. For producers who wish to make use of the provisions of Article 1 of this Regulation and whose long-term storage contracts expired before 15 October 1979, the time limits laid down in Article 4 (1) and Article 10 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2186/79 shall be extended by 30 days.

2. When use is made of the additional distillation arrangements provided for in Article 1 of this Regulation, storage contracts already concluded, as referred to in Article 2 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2186/79, shall be considered, with effect from the date of entry into force of this Regulation, to cover only the quantity of wine not so distilled.

Article 3

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

It shall apply with effect from 15 November 1979.

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

Done at Brussels, 16 November 1979.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 275, 1. 11. 1979, p. 4.
(3) OJ No L 252, 6. 10. 1979, p. 14.
(4) OJ No L 262, 18. 10. 1979, p. 22.
(5) OJ No L 252, 6. 10. 1979, p. 10.