COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 342/79

of 5 February 1979

fixing the activating prices for table wines for the period 16 December 1978 to 15 December 1979

THE COUNCIL 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], and in particular Article 3 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [2],

Whereas an activating price must be fixed annually for each type of wine for which a guide price is fixed, taking into consideration the factors set out in Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79;

Whereas the quality of the 1978/79 harvest can generally be regarded as slightly below average;

Whereas the current prices for R I and R II table wines are at least equal to the activating prices; whereas, however, the prices for A I table wines have been consistently lower than the activating prices for the last four wine years, with the exception of a short period at the end of 1977; whereas in the last wine year the prices for A II and A III table wines settled at a level well below their respective activating prices;

Whereas, although the harvest was more plentiful than in the previous wine year, the quantity available is, because of relatively low stocks, slightly lower than that recorded for the 1977/78 wine year;

Whereas the level of the activating prices must take account of the factors mentioned above; whereas the activating prices fixed for the previous wine year should therefore be increased, without, however, encouraging production;

Whereas the different trends on the markets in red and white wines justify the introduction of selectivity in fixing activating prices and in particular an increase in the activating prices for white wines of less than that adopted for red wines and that adopted by the Council for the guide prices;

Whereas the guide prices for the period 16 December 1978 to 15 December 1979 were fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 341/79 [3]; whereas Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 provides that the activating price shall be fixed at the same stage and shall be valid during the same period as the guide price; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 340/79 [4] determined the types of table wine to which these prices apply,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The activating prices for table wines for the period 16 December 1978 to 15 December 1979 are hereby fixed as follows:

Type of wine	Activating price
R I	1·93 u.a./% vol/hl
R II	1·93 u.a./% vol/hl
R III	30·00 u.a./hl
A I	1·79 u.a./% vol/hl
A II	39·66 u.a./hl
A III	45·29 u.a./hl

Article 2

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/78 of 23 November 1978 fixing the activating prices for table wines for the period 16 December 1978 to 15 December 1979 [5] is hereby repealed.

(1) See page 1 of this Official Journal.
(2) OJ No C 276, 20. 11. 1978, p. 1.
(3) See page 61 of this Official Journal.
(4) See page 60 of this Official Journal.
(5) OJ No L 333, 30. 11. 1978, p. 3.

2. References to the Regulation repealed by paragraph 1 shall be construed as references to this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 2 April 1979.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 February 1979.

For the Council

The President

P. MEHAIGNERIE