COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 273/80

of 6 February 1980

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2184/79 as regards the dates set for the approval of contracts relating to preventive distillation for the 1979/80 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 last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2961/79 [2], and in particular Article 11 (4) thereof,

Whereas Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2184/79 [3] sets the final dates for lodging applications for approval and for the approval of contracts relating to preventive distillation for the 1979/80 wine-growing year;

Whereas the scale of certain distillation operations carried out at the beginning of the wine-growing year has given rise, especially for distillers, to difficulties in the normal conduct of other distillation operations; whereas, in these circumstances, the conclusion of delivery contracts is liable to be delayed beyond the time limits set for the approval procedure;

Whereas it is appropriate, in order to avoid overloading distilleries, to postpone the final date for lodging the application for approval and, consequently, approval itself;

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 date 1 February 1980 in Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2184/79 is hereby replaced by the date 1 April 1980, and the date 15 February 1980 in paragraph 2 of the same Article is hereby replaced by the date 15 April 1980.

Article 2

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 1 February 1980.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 February 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 336, 29. 12. 1979, p. 9.
(3) OJ No L 252, 6. 10. 1979, p. 7.