COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3246/80

of 15 December 1980

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2254/80 laying down, for the wine-growing year 1980/81, detailed rules for the distillation of the by-products of wine-making

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 2930/80 (2), and in particular Article 39 (7) thereof,

Whereas the average alcoholic content by volume of wines from the 1980/81 harvest was low in certain regions on account of the unsuitable weather conditions; whereas, accordingly, the alcoholic strength to be taken into account for determining the volume of alcohol contained in products delivered for distillation for the purposes of Article 39 (3) should be reduced; whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2254/80 (3) should therefore be amended;

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 alcoholic strengths given in the first paragraph of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2254/80 are hereby replaced as follows:

— 8·0 for Zone B,

— 8·5 for Zone C I,

— 9·0 for Zone C II,

— 9·5 for Zone C III.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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, 15 December 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 305, 14. 11. 1980, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 227, 29. 8. 1980, p. 15.