COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 460/80

of 18 February 1980

amending Regulation (EEC) No 352/79 authorizing the coupage of German red wines with imported red wines

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], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 459/79 [2], and in particular Article 43 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 43 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 prohibits the coupage of an imported wine with a Community wine, except by way of derogation to be decided by the Council;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 352/79 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2960/79 [4], authorizes the coupage of German red wines with imported red wines only under specified restrictive conditions and until 29 February 1980; whereas, in order to establish fair conditions of competition throughout the Community, this practice should be abandoned as soon as possible; whereas efforts to produce red wines solely from grapes harvested in Germany have yielded results such that it may be expected that German producers will soon be in a position to cease the coupage of their red wines with imported wines; whereas it is, however, necessary to reduce the proportion of imported wines allowed in the coupage of German red wines, in order to encourage German producers to use red coupage wines originating in the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 352/79 is amended as follows:

— the rate '15 %' in Article 1 (2) is replaced by '10 %',

— the date '29 February 1980' in Article 2 is replaced by '30 June 1984'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 March 1980.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 February 1980.

For the Council

The President

G. MARCORA

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(1) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.
(2) See page 32 of this Official Journal.
(3) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 93.
(4) OJ No L 336, 29. 12. 1979, p. 8.