COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 730/80

of 27 March 1980

amending for the sixth time Regulation (EEC) No 1608/76 laying down detailed rules for the description and presentation of wines and grape musts

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 459/80 (2), and in particular Articles 54 (5) and 65 thereof,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/79 of 5 February 1979 laying down general rules for the description and presentation of wines and grape musts (3), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 461/80 (4), consolidated Regulation (EEC) No 2133/74 (5); whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1608/76 (6), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1741/79 (7), laid down detailed rules for the description and presentation of wines and grape musts;

Whereas experience has shown the need to discontinue the use of certain terms as descriptions of certain types of German quality wines psr but to allow the terms in question to be used as additional traditional indications; whereas the purpose of this amendment is to protect these terms on the markets of non-member countries and takes account of the national provisions governing their use;

Whereas in view of commercial practice in certain Member States and the fact that there is no danger of the consumer being misled as to the origin of the product, the terms 'hock' and 'claret' should be permitted on the label in lettering unrelated in size to that indicating the production area or specified region;

Whereas, since Regulation (EEC) No 1608/76 is being amended, the opportunity should be taken to rectify an obvious error in Article 17 (2) 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

Regulation (EEC) No 1608/76 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The terms 'Liebfrauenmilch' and 'Liebfraumilch' are added to Article 2 (3) (a).

2. The terms 'Liebfrauenmilch' and 'Liebfraumilch' are deleted from Article 13 (3) (a).

3. The following subparagraph is added to Article 13 (4):

   'The preceding subparagraph shall not apply to the terms "hock" and "claret"'.

4. Article 17 (2) is amended as follows:

   '2. The terms referred to in Article 28 (2) (o) of Regulation (EEC) No 2133/74 may be used when the non-member State in which the wine in question was obtained authorizes their use in its provisions relating to its internal market.'

Article 2

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

(1) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 57, 29. 2. 1980, p. 32.
(3) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 99.
(4) OJ No L 57, 29. 2. 1980, p. 36.
(5) OJ No L 227, 17. 8. 1974, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 183, 8. 7. 1976, p. 1.
(7) OJ No L 200, 8. 8. 1979, p. 10.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1980.

For the Commission

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