COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2631/81

of 10 September 1981

on the application of the additional measures applicable to holders of long-term storage contracts for certain table wines for the 1980/81 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 3456/80 [2], and in particular Article 12a (5) thereof,

Whereas the measures to support the wine market which were employed during the 1980/81 wine-growing year have not in all cases given the desired results; whereas Article 2 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2515/81 of 28 August 1981 laying down detailed rules for the application of the additional measures applicable to holders of long-term storage contracts for table wine for the 1980/81 wine-growing year [3] provides that the period of three consecutive weeks referred to in Article 12a (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 must fall between 15 July and 30 November; whereas since 15 July the representative prices for table wines of type A I, R I and R II have remained lower than the activating price for six consecutive weeks; whereas the conditions laid down in Article 12a (1) are thus satisfied; whereas it is therefore necessary to adopt the measures referred to in Article 12a;

Whereas Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2325/80 provides for the fixing of the quantity of wine under storage contract which may be distilled and the duration of any storage contracts; whereas, having regard to the market situation as indicated by the harvest forecasts and the levels of stocks at the end of the wine-growing year, the said quantity should be fixed at the maximum level laid down in Article 12a (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79, and the said duration at four months;

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

Holders of long-term storage contracts for table wine may, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 2515/81:

— distil a quantity of wine under contract up to 18 % of their total table wine production in the 1980/81 wine year,

— in respect of all or part of the table wine under contract in excess of 18 % of their total table wine production in the 1980/81 wine year, conclude one or more storage contracts for a period of four months.

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 16 September 1981.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 September 1981.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 360, 31. 12. 1980, p. 18.
[3] OJ No L 246, 29. 8. 1981, p. 10.