COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3204/81

of 10 November 1981

authorizing, in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape registered designation area and in the department of Aude, the additional acidification of certain products from the 1981 wine harvest

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 34 (4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 358/79 of 5 February 1979 on sparkling wines produced in the Community and defined in item 13 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3456/80, and in particular Article 5 (5) thereof,

Whereas Article 34 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 provides that, in years when climatic conditions have been exceptional, additional acidification may be authorized up to a limit of 1·50 grams per litre expressed in tartaric acid, or 20 milliequivalents, for certain products originating in Zone C II;

Whereas exceptional climatic conditions were experienced in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape registered designation area, which have resulted in the total acidity being lower than normal;

Whereas Article 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 338/79 of 5 February 1979 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions [4], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3456/80, provides that the conditions and limits within which the acidification of certain products may take place and the procedure whereby authorization may be granted are those laid down in Article 34 of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79;

Whereas the exceptional climatic conditions experienced in the Aude department have prevented products obtained from the Muscat de Hambourg variety and intended for the production of sparkling wines from achieving a normal level of total acidity; whereas the said climatic conditions have affected only the variety referred to, principally by reason of its particular botanical characteristics; whereas the additional acidification of these products should therefore be authorized in accordance with the fourth subparagraph of Article 5 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 358/79;

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

1. The additional acidification referred to in Article 34 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 is hereby authorized for fresh grapes, grape must, partially fermented grape must and new wine still in fermentation produced in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape area of registered designation from the 1981 wine harvest.

2. The additional acidification referred to in the fourth subparagraph of Article 5 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 358/79 is hereby authorized for fresh grapes, grape must, partially fermented grape must, new wine still in fermentation and cuvees obtained from the Muscat de Hambourg variety harvested in the department of Aude.

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 360, 31. 12. 1980, p. 18.
(3) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 130.
(4) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 48.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 November 1981.

For the Commission

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