COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 461/81

of 24 February 1981

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2335/80 in respect of the time limits for submitting applications for approval of contracts for delivery of wine for preventive distillation during 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 11 (4) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2335/80 (3) embodied the decision to initiate preventive distillation for the 1980/81 wine-growing year; whereas Article 2 thereof provides for certain time limits for completing the approval procedure;

Whereas the contracts approved within the time limits laid down cover a smaller quantity of wine than that anticipated; whereas there is a risk that this situation will worsen the imbalance on the market, in view of the stocks available and the size of the last harvest; whereas it is therefore appropriate, in order to make the fullest use of the preventive distillation system, to extend the time limits in question by two months;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wines,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2335/80 is hereby amended as follows:

1. in paragraph 1 '1 February 1981' is replaced by '1 April 1981';

2. in paragraph 2 '15 February 1981' is replaced by '16 April 1981'.

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 1 February 1981.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1981.

For 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 236, 9. 9. 1980, p. 5.