COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2406/83

of 25 August 1983

on the grant of aid for the use in wine-making of concentrated grape must and rectified concentrated grape must in respect of the 1983/84 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 1595/83 (2), and in particular Articles 14 (4) and 65 thereof,

Whereas Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 introduced an aid scheme for concentrated must and rectified concentrated must produced within the Community and used to increase the alcoholic strength of wines;

Whereas enrichment operations by addition of concentrated grape must and rectified concentrated grape must and the quantities of these products which are held must be declared to the competent authorities; whereas the quantities of these products which are or which have been used for enrichment must be entered in the registers specified in Article 53 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79; whereas, therefore, it is not necessary to require additional documents to be produced in order to qualify for the aid;

Whereas the aid should be fixed in the light of the difference between the cost of enrichment by means of concentrated grape must, rectified concentrated grape must and sucrose, respectively; whereas, in the light of the information available to the Commission, the aid should be differentiated according to the product used for enrichment and should be fixed as specified in the enacting terms of this Regulation;

Whereas the cost price of grape must used in the production of concentrated grape must and rectified concentrated grape must depends on its potential natural alcoholic strength; whereas the market price of grape must with a high natural alcoholic strength potential is higher than that of other musts; whereas, in order to take this situation and the need to avoid disrupting the existing pattern of trade into account, it is essential to graduate the amount of the aid by fixing a higher amount for concentrated grape must and rectified concentrated grape must from the southernmost regions in the Community which traditionally produce must with the highest natural alcoholic strength;

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

Aid shall be granted, subject to the conditions set out in this Regulation, to producers of table wines or quality wines psr who use concentrated grape must and rectified concentrated grape must produced within the Community to increase the natural alcoholic strength by volume of the products referred to in Article 32 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 and Article 8 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 338/79.

Article 2

The aid provided for in Article 1 is hereby fixed, per degree of potential alcoholic strength by volume per hectolitre of concentrated grape must and rectified concentrated grape must used, at:

— 1,52 ECU for concentrated grape must originating in zones C III (a) and C III (b),

— 1,69 ECU for rectified concentrated grape must originating in zones C III (a) and C III (b) or produced outside the said zones in facilities which began production prior to 30 June 1982,

— 1,32 ECU for concentrated grape must other than that referred to in the first indent,

— 1,49 ECU for rectified concentrated grape must other than that referred to in the second indent.

Article 3

Producers wishing to take advantage of the aid provided for in Article 1 shall apply to the competent intervention agency within two months following the day on which the operation referred to in Article 1 was carried out.

(1) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 163, 22. 6. 1983, p. 48.

Each application shall be accompanied by the documents relating to the operations in respect of which aid is requested.

Article 4

The intervention agency shall pay the amount of the aid to the producer not later than 31 August 1984, except :

— in cases of *force majeure*,

— where administrative enquiries have been commenced concerning entitlement to the aid. In that event payment shall be made only when entitlement to the aid is accepted.

Article 5

1. Except in cases of *force majeure*, the aid shall not be payable if the producer does not carry out the operation referred to in Article 1 in accordance with Articles 32, 33 and 36 of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79.

2. Except in cases of *force majeure*, if the producer does not comply with any requirement of this Regulation, other than that referred to in paragraph 1, the aid payable shall be reduced by an amount to be fixed by the competent authority in relation to the seriousness of the infringement.

3. In cases of *force majeure*, the competent authority shall determine the measures which it deems necessary having regard to the circumstances invoked.

4. Member States shall inform the Commission of cases in which paragraph 2 has been applied and of how requests claiming circumstances of *force majeure* have been dealt with.

Article 6

The Member States in question shall notify the Commission not later than 31 October 1984 of the number of producers who have received aid, the quantities of wine enriched and the quantities of concentrated grape must and rectified concentrated grape must used for this purpose expressed in degrees of potential alcoholic strength by volume per hectolitre.

Article 7

Each Member State concerned shall designate an intervention agency to be responsible for implementing this Regulation.

Article 8

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

It shall apply from 1 September 1983.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 August 1983.

For the Commission

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