COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3308/85

of 18 November 1985

amending Regulation (EEC) No 339/79 defining certain products falling within heading Nos 20.07, 22.04 and 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in third countries

THE COUNCIL 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 3307/85 (2), and in particular Article 1 (4) (c) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission (3),

Whereas the definition of rectified concentrated grape must contained in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 has been changed; whereas, for the purposes of harmonization, it is necessary to alter the definition of the corresponding product originating in non-member countries.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2 (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 339/79 (4), amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3083/82 (5), shall be replaced by the following:

'(c) Rectified concentrated grape must, the liquid uncaramelized product which:

— is obtained by partial dehydration of grape must carried out by any authorized method other than direct heat in such a way that the figure indicated by a refractometer (used in accordance with the method prescribed in Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 516/77) at a temperature of 20°C is not less than 70,5 %;

— has undergone authorized treatment for de-acidification and elimination of constituents other than sugar,

— has the following characteristics:

  — a pH of not more than 5,

  — an optical density at 425 nm for a thickness of 1 cm of not more than 0,100,

  — a sucrose content undetectable by a method of analysis to be defined,

  — an ethanol content of not more than 0,5 g/kg of total sugars,

  — a total nitrogen content of not more than 100 mg/kg of total sugars,

  — a Folin-Ciocalteau index of not more than 400,

  — a tritratable acidity of not more than 10 milliequivalents/kg of total sugars,

  — a sulphur dioxide content of not more than 25 mg/kg of total sugar,

  — a sulphate content of not more than 2 milliequivalents/kg of total sugars,

  — a chloride content of not more than 1 milliequivalent/kg of total sugars,

  — a phosphate content of not more than 1 milliequivalent/kg of total sugars,

  — a total cation content of not more than 8 milliequivalent/kg of total sugars,

  — a conductivity at 25°Brix and 20°C of not more than 50 µS/cm,

  — a hydroxymethylfurfural content of not more than 25 mg/kg of total sugars,

— is derived exclusively from wine grape varieties permitted in the third country or origin,

— is obtained from wine grape must having at least the minimum natural alcoholic strength by volume laid down for the third country of origin

(1) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.
(2) See page 1 of this Official Journal.
(3) OJ No C 206, 14. 8. 1981, p. 11.
(4) OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 57.
(5) OJ No L 326, 23. 11. 1982, p. 4.

for the production of wine intended for direct human consumption.

An actual alcoholic strength of the concentrated rectified grape must of not more than 1 % vol shall be permissible.'.

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 September 1987.

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

Done at Brussels, 18 November 1985.

For the Council

The President

M. FISCHBACH