COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 739/94

of 30 March 1994

derogating for the 1993/94 wine year from the producers' requirement to notify the quantities of table wine they must deliver for compulsory distillation

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1566/93 [2], and in particular Article 39 (11) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 343/94 [3] opens compulsory distillation of table wine as provided for in Article 39 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 for the 1993/94 wine year; whereas the percentages of table wine production to be delivered for such distillation by each producer subject to compulsory distillation were fixed on 1 March 1994 by Commission Regulation (EC) No 465/94 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 610/94 [5];

Whereas, in accordance with Article 10 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 441/88 of 17 February 1988 laying down detailed rules for applying compulsory distillation as referred to in Article 39 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 [6], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3699/92 [7], producers are required to notify the competent authorities by 31 March 1994 at the latest of the quantities of table wine which they must deliver for such distillation;

Whereas it has been impossible for administrative reasons to adopt the provisions governing such notification in certain countries in sufficient time for producers to be able to calculate, under normal conditions, the quantities covered by their obligation and to notify the same within the time limit laid down;

Whereas, in certain cases, the competent national authorities must themselves notify the producers by 31 March 1994 of the quantities which they must deliver; whereas the factors for the calculation of those quantities were decided on 2 March 1994 only; whereas, in view of the major number of notifications, the period available to the authorities is likely to be inadequate;

Whereas, so that compulsory distillation may be carried out under satisfactory conditions and may achieve its objectives, provision should be made, for the current marketing year, for producers to make the abovementioned notification by 20 April 1994 and for notifications to be made by the competent authorities by 20 April 1994;

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

For the 1993/94 wine year and by way of derogation from Article 10 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 441/88:

— producers subject to compulsory distillation as provided for in Article 39 of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 who have submitted the production declaration referred to in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3929/87 [8] shall calculate, pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 441/88, the quantities which they must deliver for distillation and shall notify the result by 20 April 1994 at the latest to the intervention agency or to any other competent authority in the Member State,

— where the competent authorities themselves carry out the calculation and notify, pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 441/88, certain categories of producers of the quantities to be delivered by each of them, notification shall be made by 20 April 1994 at the latest.

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 April 1994.

(1) OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 154, 25. 6. 1993, p. 39.
(3) OJ No L 44, 17. 2. 1994, p. 9.
(4) OJ No L 58, 2. 3. 1994, p. 2.
(5) OJ No L 77, 19. 3. 1994, p. 12.
(6) OJ No L 45, 18. 2. 1988, p. 15.
(7) OJ No L 374, 22. 12. 1992, p. 54.
(8) OJ No L 369, 29. 12. 1987, p. 59.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 March 1994.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission