COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1593/96

of 30 July 1996

fixing the guide price for wine for the 1996/97 wine year

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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], and in particular Article 27 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [2],

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [3],

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee [4],

Whereas, when the guide prices for the various types of table wine are fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are, in particular, to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, to assure the availability of supplies and to ensure that supplies reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas, if these objectives are to be achieved, it is of prime importance that the gap between production amd demand should not be opened further; whereas, to that end, the guide prices for the 1996/97 wine year should be set at the same levels as the previous year;

Whereas the guide prices, as defined in Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 822/87, must be fixed for each type of table wine representative of Community production,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1996/97 wine year, the guide prices for table wine shall be as follows:

Type of wine	Guide price
R I	ECU 3,828/% vol/hl
R II	ECU 3,828/% vol/hl
R III	ECU 62,15/hl
A I	ECU 3,828/% vol/hl
A II	ECU 82,81/hl
A III	ECU 94,57/hl

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 September 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 30 July 1996.

For the Council
The President
H. COVENEY

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(1) OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1592/96 (see page 31 of this Official Journal).
(2) OJ No C 125, 27. 4. 1996, p. 47.
(3) OJ No C 166, 10. 6. 1996.
(4) OJ No C 204, 15. 7. 1996, p. 57.