COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1593/1999

of 20 July 1999

amending Regulation (EC) No 1893/98 determining the Member States in which the campaigns to promote the consumption of grape juice may be carried out in respect of the 1997/98 wine year

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 organisation of the market in wine [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1627/98 [2], and in particular Article 46(5) and Article 81 thereof,

(1) Whereas Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1103/97 of 17 June 1997 on certain provisions relating to the introduction of the euro [3] provides that every reference in a legal instrument to the ecu is to be replaced by a reference to the euro at a rate of one euro to one ecu; whereas, as a result, amounts expressed in euro are to be converted into national currency at the rate laid down by the Council;

(2) Whereas stipulation of an operative event for the amounts concerned has created legitimate expectations for the operators and Member States concerned; whereas application of the fixed rate for converting amounts laid down in Commission Decisions would lead to a reduction as compared with the amounts provided for in September 1998;

(3) Whereas this problem may be solved by increasing the overall amounts for the Member States from 1 January 1999 to offset the reduction in national currency resulting from the introduction of the euro;

(4) Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1893/98 [4] should therefore be amended to that effect;

(5) Whereas Articles 2 to 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 481/1999 of 4 March 1999 laying down general rules for the management of promotional programmes for certain agricultural products [5] contain provisions governing the time limits for the conclusion of contracts and payments; whereas, as a result, Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1893/98 should be deleted;

(6) 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

Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1893/98 is amended as follows:

1. the second subparagraph of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

   'The total amount for financing those campaigns shall be:
   — EUR 2 231 592 in Germany,
   — EUR 710 038 in Austria,
   — EUR 1 618 736 in Spain,
   — EUR 1 835 154 in France,
   — EUR 710 234 in the Netherlands.';

2. the second and third paragraphs are deleted.

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 from 1 January 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1999.

For the Commission

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[1] OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 8.
[3] OJ L 162, 19.6.1997, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 245, 4.9.1998, p. 34.
[5] OJ L 57, 5.3.1999, p. 8.