COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1676/1999
of 19 July 1999
fixing the guide price for wine for the 1999/2000 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 organisation of the market in wine [1], and in particular Article 27(5) 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:

(1) 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; the objectives of the common agricultural community, to assure the availability of supplies and to ensure that supplies reach consumers at reasonable prices;

(2) if these objectives are to be achieved, it is of prime importance that the gap between production and demand should not be opened further; to that end, the guide prices for the 1999/2000 wine year should be set at the same levels as the previous year;

(3) 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 1999/2000 wine year, the guide prices for table wine shall be as follows:

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

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 September 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 19 July 1999.

For the Council
The President
K. HEMILÄ

[1] OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1627/98 (OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 8).
[2] OJ C 59, 1.3.1999, p. 12.
[3] OJ C 219, 30.7.1999.
[4] OJ C 169, 16.6.1999.