COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2098/1999

of 1 October 1999

amending Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 on arrangements for issuing export licences for wine sector products

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 1677/1999 [2], and in particular Articles 52(3) and 55(8) thereof,

(1) Whereas, in order to reassess the export refund arrangements and revise the arrangements for managing export licences, an assessment must be made of the situation on the market in wine at the beginning of the 1999/2000 wine year and a detailed evaluation made of the refund arrangements and the system for requesting and issuing export licences in the sector. A sufficiently long period for reflection should be allowed before export licence applications can be submitted so that the wine year in question does not commence before the adjustments to the arrangements can be made. The date for the submission of new applications should be put back from 8 to 15 October 1999 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1685/95 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1610/1999 [4], should be amended accordingly;

(2) 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

In the final sentence of Article 1a(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1685/95, the date '8 October 1999' is replaced by '15 October 1999'.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 1 October 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 199, 30.7.1999, p. 8.
[3] OJ L 161, 12.7.1995, p. 2.
[4] OJ L 190, 23.7.1999, p. 18.