COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 589/1999

of 18 March 1999

amending Regulation (EC) No 2693/98 authorising the conclusion of long-term private storage contracts for table wine, grape must, concentrated grape must and rectified concentrated grape must in respect of the 1998/1999 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 Articles 32(5) and 83 thereof,

Whereas Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2693/98 ([3]) of 14 December 1998 states that the grape must or concentrated grape must may be used for the production of grape juice or sold for export; whereas lossess may occur due to racking and/or pumping during such operations; whereas account must be taken of this possibility;

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 Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2693/98, the following subparagraph is added: 'Use of the products referred to in paragraph 1 for the purposes laid down shall be regarded as total if such use covers at least 97 % of the quantities under storage contract'.

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, 18 March 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 338, 15. 12. 1998, p. 8.