COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2358/2000

of 24 October 2000

fixing the minimum natural alcoholic strength by volume of quality wines psr originating in Portuguese wine-growing zone C I(a) for the wine years 2000/01 to 2002/03

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine [1], and in particular Articles 56 and 58 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex VI(E) to Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 allows a derogation from the minimum natural alcoholic strength by volume of quality wines psr, fixed at 8,5 % for zone C I(a).

(2) The derogation, which has been granted for certain wines originating in Portugal in previous wine years, should be renewed.

(3) The measure provided for in this Regulation is in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

By derogation from the limits fixed for the alcoholic strengths by volume in Annex VI(E)(3) to Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999, the natural alcoholic strength by volume of the quality wines psr originating in Portuguese zone C I(a) listed in the Annex for the wine years 2000/01 to 2002/03 may be lower than 8,5 % vol but may not be lower than 7,5 % vol.

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, 24 October 2000.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

List of quality wines psr referred to in Article 1:

Vinho Verde
Óbidos
Torres Vedras

[1] OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1.