COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 438/2006

of 16 March 2006

amending Regulation (EC) No 1530/2005 opening crisis distillation as provided for in Article 30 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 for table wine in Italy

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 Article 33(1)(f) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1530/2005 [2] opened crisis distillation as provided for in Article 30 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 for table wine in Italy.

(2) As several distillation measures are simultaneously in place, the Italian authorities have found that neither the distilleries nor the supervisory authorities have sufficient capacity to ensure proper distillation performance. In order to ensure the effectiveness of the measure introduced by Regulation (EC) No 1530/2005, the period laid down by the Regulation in which the alcohol can be delivered to the intervention agency should be extended to 31 May 2006.

(3) Regulation (EC) No 1530/2005 should be amended accordingly.

(4) 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(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1530/2005 the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The alcohol obtained shall be delivered to the intervention agency in accordance with Article 6(1) not later than 31 May 2006.'

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 16 March 2006.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2165/2005 (OJ L 345, 28.12.2005, p. 1).
[2] OJ L 246, 22.9.2005, p. 9.