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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE
COUNCIL CONCERNING THE FINAL ESTIMATES
FOR THE 1977/78 WINE-GROWING YEAR**

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concerning the final estimates for the 1977/78 wine-growing year

Pursuant to Article 5(3) of Regulation (EEC) N° 337/79, "For each wine-growing year, the Commission shall provide the Council with final estimates of Community resources and uses in the preceding wine-growing year".

The final estimates for the 1977/78 wine-growing year are annexed to this Communication.

Compared with the 1976/77 estimates, it can be seen that :

- overall production declined by about 20.1 million hl ;
- imports from non-member countries increased by 0.4 million hl ;
- processing declined by about 6.8 million ha ;
- stocks at the end of the wine-growing year declined by about 7.1 million hl.

The Community harvest of 128.288.000 hl in the autumn of 1977 was 8.613.000 hl less than total domestic uses.

Total domestic uses, including quantities distilled pursuant to Regulation (EEC) N° 337/79, dropped by about 8.6 million hl.

Excluding the quantities affected by the distillation measures, total domestic uses declined by 4.3 million hl, of which 1.8 million hl for direct human consumption.

Final estimates for the 1977/78 wine-growing year

(in '000 hl)

HEADINGS	Total volume	Red and Rosé	White
1. Total production	128.795		
2. Part of the production used for the preparation of grape juice	507		
3. Production used for wine-making	128.288	74.586	53.702
4. Stocks at the beginning of the wine-growing year	81.583	51.451	30.132
- held by growers	44.584	30.575	14.009
- held by the trade	36.999	20.876	16.123
5. Availabilities at the beginning of the wine year (3 + 4)	209.871	126.037	83.834
6. Imports	5.872		
7. Total availabilities (5 + 6)	215.743		
8. Total domestic uses	136.901		
- direct human consumption	125.237		
- processing	10.922		
- distilling	10.190		
- vinegar-making	732		
- production losses	195		
- trade losses	547		
9. Exports	4.407		
10. Stocks at the end of the wine year	74.435	42.582	31.853
11. Changes in Stocks (10 - 4)	- 7.148	- 8.869	+ 1.721
12. Degree of self-supply % (3 : 8) (1)	94,4		
13. Annual per capita consumption (litres)	48,3		

Source : EUROSTAT

(1) Excluding quantities distilled under intervention measures (1.030.000 hl).