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Pursuant to Article 5(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 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 1979/80 wine-growing year are annexed to this Communication.

Compared with the 1978/79 estimates, it can be seen that:

- overall production increased by about 39.1 million hl;
- imports from non-member countries decreased by 0.4 million hl;
- imports to non-member countries rose by some 2.4 million hl;
- processing increased by about 19.0 million hl; of which 16.6 million as a result of Community intervention;
- direct human consumption increased by about 2.1 million hl;
- stocks at the end of the wine-growing year increased by about 16.0 million hl;
- per capita consumption increased by 0.7 litres.

The Community harvest of 177.171.000 hl in the autumn of 1979 was 19.375.000 hl more than total domestic uses.

Total domestic uses, including quantities distilled pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 337/79, rose by about 21.9 million hl.

Excluding the quantities affected by the distillation measures, total domestic uses rose by 5.3 million hl.

Final estimates for the 1978/79 wine-growing year

(in '000 hl)

HEADINGS	Total volume	Red and Rosé	White
1. Total production	178.061		
2. Part of the production used for the preparation of grape juice	890		
3. Production used for wine-making	177.171	107.852	69.319
4. Stocks at the beginning of the wine-growing year	76.242	44.626	31.616
- held by growers	41.164	26.469	14.695
- held by the trade	35.078	18.157	16.921
5. Availabilities at the beginning of the wine year (3 + 4)	253.413	152.478	100.935
6. Imports	5.789		
7. Total availabilities (5 + 6)	259.202		
8. Total domestic uses	157.796		
- direct human consumption	125.246		
- processing	31.518		
of which - distilling	30.663		
of which pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 337/79	18.231		
- vinegar-making	855		
- production losses	501		
- trade losses	531		
9. Exports	9.204		
10. Stocks at the end of the wine year	92.202	56.134	36.068
11. Changes in Stocks (10-4)	+ 15.960	+ 11.508	+ 4.452
12. Degree of self-supply %	126,9		
13. Annual per capita consumption (litres)	48,0		

Source : EUROSTAT

including quantities distilled under intervention measures.