

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1794/74 laying down general  
rules governing the distillation of table wines during  
period from 15 July to 30 September 1974

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1794/74 of 10 July 1974 laying down general rules governing the distillation of table wines during the period from 15 July 1974 to 30 September 1974 provided for the distillation of table wines under certain conditions, subject to a date limit of 30 September 1974. In certain regions of one Member States, there have been technical difficulties making it impossible to complete distillation in time.

In that Member State there are still current supply contracts for table wines, affecting a total of more than one million hl.

In view of the time left and of the technical capacities of the distilleries, it is impossible for this quantity to be distilled within the set time-limit.

It would therefore seem that the time-limit for technical distillation operations should be extended while the deadline for conclusion of contracts should be left unchanged.

An additional period of one and a half months would seem appropriate in view of the quantities remaining to be distilled.

The amount of the aid was fixed by reference to the prices for alcohol and potable spirits in July. Prices for these two products have fallen since that time, and the aid must therefore be adjusted accordingly.



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70<sup>1</sup> of 28 April 1970 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1532/74<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 7 (1) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article (4) 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1794/74<sup>3</sup> laying down general rules governing the distillation of table wines during the period from 15 July 1974 to 30 September 1974 lays down that distillation may not take place after 30 September 1974;

Whereas only small quantities of wine have been distilled in certain regions of the Community because the distilleries had limited capacity;

Whereas, with a view to ensuring uniform market support in all regions of the Community, the period of distillation should be extended for those quantities of wine in respect of which a distillation contract was concluded before 30 September 1974;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L 99, 5 May 1970, p. 1

<sup>2</sup> OJ No L 166, 21 June 1974, p. 1

<sup>3</sup> OJ No L 187, 11 July 1974, p. 29

Whereas market prices for wine distillation products have fallen since July;  
whereas account should be taken of this development in order to avoid jeopardizing  
the rationalization of the wine market;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1794/74 is replaced by the following :

"Article 4

1. The delivery contracts referred to in Article 2 may not be concluded before 15 July 1974 or after 30 September 1974.
2. Distillation may not take place before 15 July 1974 or after 15 November 1974.
3. However, it may be decided to bring forward the closing date for distillation, particularly if the average prices for all the types of table wine on all markets should for two consecutive weeks remain at a level above the activating price."

Article 2

Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 1794/74 is replaced by the following :

"Article 6

1. For each hectolitre of wine distilled aid shall be paid by the intervention agency.
2. The amount of the aid is hereby fixed at :
  - 0.53 unit of account per degree and per hectolitre if the wine was processed into a product referred to in the first indent of Article 5,
  - 0.45 unit of account per degree and per hectolitre if the wine was processed into a product referred to in the second indent of Article 5.

3. The aid may be paid only upon production of a contract as referred to in Article 2 and upon proof being given that :
- such contract was concluded during the period referred to in Article 4(1)
  - distillation took place during the period referred to in Article 4(2)."

Article 3

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,

For the Council,  
The President,

FINANCIAL ANNEX

This proposal for a Regulation would extend the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 1794/74 to 15 November 1974. In view of the low quantities distilled under Regulation 1794/74, it is unlikely that the financial effect of this proposal would increase the financial effect calculated on the original period of application of Regulation 1724/72 (x). Accordingly this proposal will not create any new expenditure.

It is recalled that expenditure would be chargeable to Article 691 (intervention in favour of wine) of the Budget of the European Communities.

(x) see doc COM (74) 916