

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Amendments to the
Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1931/76 with respect to the
distillation of wines suitable for producing certain potable
spirits obtained from wine with a registered designation of
origin

(submitted to the Council by the Commission,
pursuant to the 2nd paragraph of Article 149
of the EEC Treaty)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The aim of the envisaged amendment is to insert in Regulation (EEC) N° 1931/76 laying down the general rules governing distillation of wines a legal basis which would permit, where appropriate, that the terminal dates be brought forward for the distillation referred to in Articles 6 b and 6 c of Regulation (EEC) N° 816/70.

A N N E X

1. AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 1931/76 laying down general rules on certain distillation operations in the wine sector.

2. AMENDMENTS TO CITATIONS AND RECITALS

In the second citation, for "Article 6b(3)" read "Articles 6b(3) and 6c(3)."

Text to be inserted as second recital

"Whereas Articles 6b and 6c of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 provide that distillation measures may be decided on in certain circumstances; whereas market developments may necessitate stopping distillation measures in order to take account of increases in market prices and to ensure adequate supplies of wine for human consumption; whereas it is therefore advisable to make provision to enable the terminal date for these distillation operations to be brought forward;

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES

Text to be inserted as Article 2

"Article 2

A further paragraph as follows is added to Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1931/76:

"However, as regards the distillation operations provided for in Articles 6b and 6c, it may be decided to bring forward the terminal date for these operations where the market situation so requires having regard in particular to:

- the levels of the weighted average prices,
- market supplies

of the types of wines concerned by the distillation measures in question."

Article 2 becomes Article 3,