

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

on general rules governing the special distillation of
table wines referred to in Article 33a of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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The provisions of the Regulation on the general rules governing the special distillation of table wines referred to in Article 33a of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 provides for the distillation of Community wine in connection with imports from the Maghreb countries decided by the Council in the context of Mediterranean agreements.

FICHE FINANCIERE

Date 3-7-75/MR

Ligne budgétaire concernée : Art. 691 (Interventions vin)

2. Intitulé de l'action : Proposition de règlement du Conseil relatif aux règles générales régissant la distillation spéciale des vins de table visées à l'article 33 bis du R. (CEE) n° 816/70.

3. Base juridique : Article 33 bis du R. 816/70 proposition faite à la suite de l'accord intervenu au sein du Conseil des 23-24 juin 1975 au sujet de l'approche globale méditerranéenne.

4. Objectifs de l'action : Fixation des règles générales régissant la distillation spéciale suite à une situation de perturbation du marché compte tenu des importations de vins du Maghreb.

5.0 Coût de l'action	pendant la campagne	exercice en cours (1975)	exercice suivant (1976)
à la charge du Budget de la CE	0 à 5,6 mio uc	0,- 2,8 Muc (1)	0 - 5,6 Muc (2)
à la charge des administr. nationales	-	-	-
à la charge d'autres secteurs nationaux	-	-	-

5.1 Echéancier pluriannuel (2) année 1976 . année 1977... année 1978 .
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5.2 Mode de calcul : Sur la base d'une quantité à distiller qui peut être estimée au maximum à 500.000 hl d'une part, et le montant de l'aide pour les distillations actuellement en cours d'autre part, les coûts se chiffrent à 500.000 hl x 9,5 uc/hl = 4,75 Muc. y compris l'incidence du double taux les coûts s'élèveront à 5,6 Muc.

Voir footnote n° 1

6.1 Financement possible par crédits inscrits au chapitre concerné dans le Budget en cours d'exécution

oui non

6.2 Financement possible par virement entre chapitres du Budget en cours d'exécution

oui non

6.3 Nécessité d'un Budget supplémentaire

oui non

6.4 Crédits à inscrire dans les budgets futurs

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(1) Comme l'entrée en vigueur des propositions en question est subordonnée à l'entrée en vigueur des accords avec des pays de la Méditerranée, l'augmentation des dépenses au titre du budget 1975 est difficilement chiffrable. Le montant de 2,8 Muc est donc un chiffre maximal.

(2) A l'intérieur de la quantité maximale de 0,5 mio hl, la quantité effectivement distillée dépendra du fonctionnement du système de prix de référence et de la situation de marché.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community ;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70⁽¹⁾ of 28 April 1970
laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the
market in wine, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No ⁽²⁾, and in
particular Article 33a thereof ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

Whereas Article 33a(1) provides for special arrangements for the distilla-
tion of table wines for producer associations when the total volume of
supplies available in the Community including imports of wine from Algeria,
Morocco and Tunisia is such as to disturb the Community market ; whereas
the conditions in which the special distillation may take place should
be defined ;

Whereas the criteria for initiating distillation and in particular the
concept of disturbance of the market should be defined ;

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(1) OJ No L 99, 5 May 1970, p. 1

(2) OJ No L

Whereas the criteria for determining the quantities to be distilled must also be laid down ;

Whereas the type of wine which is in direct competition with wines from the Maghreb should be determined ;

Whereas provision should be made for a method of calculating the quota of each producer association in the total quantity to be distilled ;

Whereas the price to be paid for the distilled wine should be specified ;

Whereas, if this price does not allow the products obtained from this operation to be marketed under normal conditions, it will be necessary to provide aid ;

Whereas an organization should be made responsible for applying the provisions in question in each Member State concerned ;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. The decision to distil referred to in Article 33a of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 shall be adopted when the supply situation including imports of wine from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia - hereinafter referred to as the Maghreb countries - is such as to disturb the Community market within the meaning of the provisions of 2 below. This situation shall be studied twice a year, the first time before 15 December, on the basis of the forward estimates, the second time after 15 April, on the basis of the corrected forward estimates. The dates in question are hereinafter referred to as "assessment" dates.

2. Disturbance of the Community market shall be held to occur when the price of table wine with an alcoholic strength of not less than 11°

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remains for the two weeks preceeding an assessment date, below the average activating prices fixed for table wines of the R I and R II types.

Article 2

The quantity of wines qualifying for special distillation shall be equal to the quantity of wines from the Maghreb countries expected to be imported between the assessment date on which the disturbance was ascertained in accordance with the provisions of Article 1(2) and the date between the last two assessment dates on which, for the first time, the prices of table wine with an alcoholic strength of not less than 11° were below the average activating prices for the R I and R II types of wines.

This quantity shall be multiplied by a standard alcoholic strength of 12°.

Article 3

1. Producer associations producing red wine with an alcoholic strength of not less than 11° wishing to take advantage of special distillation arrangements shall make a declaration to the intervention agency where the wine was produced. The declaration shall specify :

- the average quantity of wine produced during the last three wine-growing years, with an alcoholic strength of 11° or over ;
- the average alcoholic strength of the wine in question.

2. The intervention agencies shall notify the Commission of declarations made, specifying the total quantity broken down by tenths of an alcoholometrical degree, the weighted total alcoholic strength and the total quantity expressed in degrees of pure alcohol.

3. The authorization to distil shall be granted by the Commission as follows :

- in full for each declaration where the total quantity of table wine in respect of which authorization to distil has been applied for does not exceed the total quantity determined in accordance with Article 2, for

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the total amount of each declaration

- with a prorata reduction for each declaration where the total quantity of table wine in respect of which authorization to distil has been applied for exceeds the total quantity determined in accordance with Article 2.

4. The authorization shall be expressed in degrees of pure alcohol.

Article 4

1. Producer associations having obtained a certain quota may conclude delivery contracts for table wines for the quantity in question, if necessary through the intervention agency, with the distillers of their choice.

2. These contracts shall cover :

- a) the purchase by the distiller of the quantity of table wine to which the contract relates ;
- b) the obligation for the distiller to distil this wine and to pay at least the price laid down in Article 5 for it.

3. These contracts shall state :

- a) the quantity, colour and actual alcoholic strength of the table wines to be distilled ;
- b) the name and address of the producer ;
- c) the place where the wine is stored ;
- d) the name of the distiller of the business name of the distillery ;
- e) the address of the distillery.

Article 5

1. The minimum buying-in price for table wines for special distillation shall be equal to the activating price for table wine of the R I type.

2. This price shall apply to goods ex-producer, not including container.

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Article 6

Products resulting from special distillation must have an alcoholic strength of 95° or more with a tolerance of 0.4° less.

Article 7

1. Aid shall be paid by the intervention agency for each degree/hectolitre of wine distilled.
2. The amount of the aid shall be fixed taking into account the difference between the activating price for table wine of the R I type and the price level of vinous alcohol.

Article 8

1. The Member States shall appoint an intervention agency to apply the provisions of this Regulation.
2. The intervention agency of the Member State on whose territory the distillation takes place shall be responsible for payment of the aid.

Article 9

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,

