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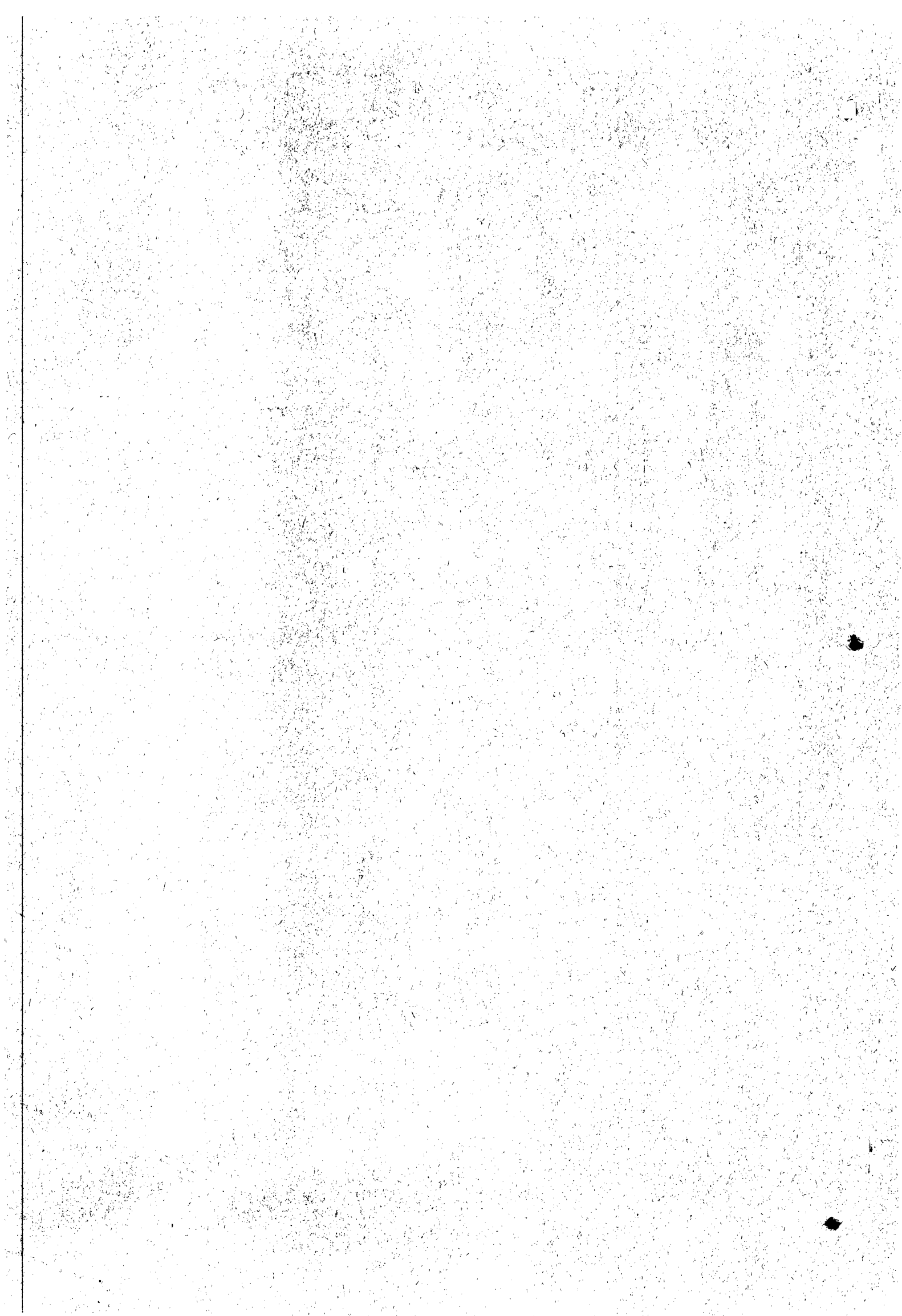
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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 on the common organization of
the market in wine

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The object of this proposal for a Council Regulation is to add certain provisions to Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 on the common organization of the market in wine which have become necessary by the accession of Greece.

In the course of the negotiations, the question as to whether "retsina" wine fell within the common organization of the market in wine had arisen. The Community stated that it would examine in a positive spirit the Greek request for resinated wines to be subject to Community provisions concerning wines, with the necessary arrangements to be made between now and Accession.

As a result of this examination, the specific rules governing these products need to be defined and, in particular, the oenological practices permitted and the prohibition on coupage with other wines. These rules are the subject of the amendments proposed in Articles 43, 46 and in Annexes III and V to Regulation 337/79.

Moreover, it is necessary to specify in Article 30c.(1) that the figures relating to changes in vineyards communicated annually by Member States must be distinguished according to the "nomoi" with regard to Greece.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas the Accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Communities
requires certain additions to the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC)
No 337/79¹, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No ²,

Whereas resinated wines ("retsina") must be made subject to the same customs
and economic arrangements as table wines in order to establish fair condi-
tions of competition; whereas it is appropriate to clarify the definitions
of products falling within heading 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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² OJ No L 54, 5.3.1979, p. 1

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 is hereby amended as follows :

1. In the second subparagraph of Article 30c(1)(a) the following indent is added between the third and fourth indent :

"- in Greece, the nomoi".

2. The following paragraph is added after paragraph 3 of Article 43 :

"3a. Coupage of a wine ("retsina") or a grape must to which has been added Aleppo pine resin referred to in Annex III (1)(n) with a wine or grape must which has not been subjected to such an oenological practice shall be prohibited."

3. The following text is added to the third subparagraph of Article 46(3):

"The use of Aleppo pine resin referred to in Annex III (1)(n) for the purpose of obtaining a table wine which may be described as "retsina" or "retsina wine" shall be allowed only

- on the geographical territory of the Hellenic Republic,
- by adding it to the grape must before or, provided that the quantity of fermented sugar does not exceed one third of the initial quantity during fermentation in quantity which does not exceed 1000 grammes per hl,
- for a grape must produced from grapes for which the varieties, the production area and the wine-making area have been determined by Greek provisions."

4. The following text is added to Annex III(1) :

"n) addition of Aleppo pine resin under the conditions referred to in the third subparagraph of Article 46(3)."

5. In Annex V the following text is added to point 4 of the Additional Notes to Chapter 22 :

"d) retsina wine obtained on the territory of the Hellenic Republic by the addition of Aleppo pine resin to the grape must."

Article 2

The transitional measures necessary to facilitate the changeover to the system introduced by this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 67 of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1981.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President