COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending for the third time Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 concerning the addition of alchol to products in the wine sector

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Explanatory Memorandum

In the absence of a common organization of the market in alcohol and in the absence also of provisions aligning the definitions of aromatized wines, the existing provisions concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector should be extended to apply for a further year. In the current situation no difficulties will arise in this connection.

No financial consequences.

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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 816/70¹ of 28 April 1970 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1167/76², and in particular Article 25 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas, pending the adoption of provisions supplementing or approximating the definitions of semi-sparkling wines and of products falling within heading No 22.06 of the Common Customs Tariff, provision should be made to extend the period of application of the provisions referred to in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No $1876/74^3$ of 15 July 1974 concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No $3221/75^4$; whereas experience acquired has shown that this can be done without difficulty; whereas it is therefore advisable to amend Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74 by extending to 31 December 1977 the transitional period due to expire on 31 December 1976;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

<u>Article 1</u>

In Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1876/74, the date "31 December 1976" is replaced by "31 December 1977".

Article 2

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

¹ OJ No L 99, 5. 5.1970, p. 1

² OJ No L 135, 24. 5.1976, p. 42

³ OJ No L 198, 20. 7.1974, p. 1

⁴ 0J No L 320, 11.12.1975, p. 4