

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Brussels, 19 October 1976.

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)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Within the framework of the provisions relating to the preventative distillation provided for in Article 6 b of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70, the possibility is provided for the distillation of wines suitable for producing certain potable spirits obtained from wine with a registered designation of origin. This possibility may be used when the wines in question surpass the normal quantitative requirements of the market in potable spirits obtained from wine.

The amendment, which is the subject of this draft Regulation, consists in limiting, when the preceding conditions are met, the transformation of these wines into products of alcoholic strength of 86° or more; this limitation was not contained in the previous text.

This amendment may be justified by the fact that when the market in question, that of potable spirits obtained from wine, is burdened, it is necessary to avoid a further burden by an additional production of products of an alcoholic strength of 86° or less.

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of

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

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 of 28 April 1970 laying down
additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine (1), as
last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1167/76 (2), and in particular Article 6 b (3),

Whereas the distillation provided for the second subparagraph of in Article 6 b (1) of
Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 seeks to avoid a disturbance of the market in wine
when the quantities of wines suitable for producing certain potable spirits
obtained from wine with a registered designation of origin are substantially greater
than the requirements of the market in such spirits
whereas it is also necessary to avoid, the danger of their distillation having an
effect on the market in potable spirits, by disturbing
it at a time, when, ex hypothesi, it is already dull;
whereas the possibility to distill should therefore be limited to products having
an alcoholic strength of 86° or more,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

There shall be added to Regulation (EEC) No 1931/76⁽³⁾ the following Article :

" Article 2 a

Where the second subparagraph of Article 6 b (1) of Regulation
(EEC) No 816/70 applies it may be decided that the distillation be limited to
products of an alcoholic strength of 86° or more.

In this case Articles 1 and 2, in so far as they refer to a
product of an alcoholic strength of 85° or less, shall not apply.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force the 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.

at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

(1) OJ No L 99 of 5.5.1970, p. 1
(2) OJ No L 135 of 24.5.1976, p. 42

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE : 12 October 1976

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : 6912 (intervention wine)

2. ACTION : Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1931/76 laying down general rules governing the distillation of wines provided for in Articles 6 b, c, 24 a and 24 b of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 6 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70

4. OBJECTIVES : Modification of general rules governing wine distillation operations following the amendments to Regulation 816/70

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE	FOR THE MARKETING YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (76)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (77)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
-CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)	1)	1)	1)
-CHARGED TO NATIONAL ADMINISTR.			
-CHARGED TO OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
-OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
-NATIONAL			

YEAR YEAR YEAR

5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE

5.1.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF RECEIPTS

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ? YES/XX

6.1 FINANCING POSSIBLE BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGET ? ~~YES~~/XX

6.2 NECESSITY FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ? YES/XX

6.3 CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ? YES/XX

COMMENTS : 1) The proposal for a Regulation relates to the laying down of general rules governing wine distillation operations and as such has no financial consequences. The financial impact will be indicated in the proposal for a Regulation establishing the amount of the aid for the distilled wine.