

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Recommendation for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

concerning the conclusion of the exchange of letters relating to  
Article 9 of the Supplementary Protocol between the European  
Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The exchange of letters annexed to the Regulation is mainly to specify that the Community has examined the Portuguese laws relating to wine with a designation of origin, to ascertain whether they are compatible with Community legislation in this field.



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Having regard to the Supplementary Protocol between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic<sup>1</sup> signed on 19 December 1979, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas the exchange of letters provided for in Article 9 of the said Protocol should be concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The exchange of letters relating to Article 9 of the Supplementary Protocol between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the exchange of letters is annexed to this Regulation.

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(1) O.J. N° L 348, 31.12.1979, page 44.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to sign the exchange of letters in order to bind the Community.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 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.

Done at

For the Council  
The President

Letter No 1

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that pursuant to Article 9(3) of the Supplementary Protocol between the European Economic Community and Portugal, signed on 19 december 79, the Community has examined the Potuguese laws relating to wine with a designation of origin, to ascertain whether they are compatible with Community legislation in this field.

This examination, which constituted a precondition for the granting of the tariff concessions provided for in Article 9, showed that Portugal's laws on wine with a designation of origin, insofar as they relate to Verde and Dão wines, are equivalent to Community legislation.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that your Government is in agreement with the above.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Council of the  
European Communities

Letter No 2

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that pursuant to Article 9(3) of the Supplementary Protocol between the European Economic Community and Portugal, signed on 19 december 1979 , the Community has examined the Portuguese laws relating to wine with a designation of origin, to ascertain whether they are compatible with Community legislation in this field.

This examination, which constituted a precondition for the granting of the tariff concessions provided for in Article 9, showed that Portugal's laws on wine with a designation of origin, insofar as they relate to Verde and Dao wines, are equivalent to Community legislation.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that your Government is in agreement with the above".

I have the honour to confirm that I am in agreement with the contents of your letter.

Pleas accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Government  
of Portugal