

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Amendment to the proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) n° 337/79 on the common organization of the market in wine and Regulation (EEC) n° 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Commission forwarded the following to the Council on 26 May 1981:

A proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 on the common organization of the market in wine and Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff;

When the proposal was discussed by the Council, several Member States requested that certain oenological practices be authorized.

As these requests

appear justified, the above-mentioned proposal should be supplemented to that effect, following the procedure laid down in the second paragraph of Article 149 of the Treaty.

The adoption of the proposed measures involves no expenditure for the Community Budget.

Amendment to the proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 on the common organization of the market in wine and Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff:(1)

submitted by the Commission to the Council pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty).

I. Amendment to the recitals:

The following recital is added:

"Whereas in view of progress in wine technology and in order to facilitate the transition to the definitive arrangements under which the use of sucrose in aqueous solution will no longer be authorized, an addition should be made to Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 to indicate certain new permitted oenological practices.

II. Amendment to the Articles

Article 3 is replaced by the following:

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

1. Point 1(d) is replaced by the following:

"(d) use of carbon dioxide, argon or nitrogen, either alone or combined, in order to create an inert atmosphere and to treat the product shielded from the air;"

2. Point 1(f) is amended to read as follows:

"(f) addition of diammonium phosphate, ammonium sulphate and ammonium sulphite up to 0.3 g/l in total and of thiamine hydrochloride up to 0.6 mg/l expressed as thiamin to encourage the growth of yeasts;

3. Points 1(m) and 2(1) are replaced by the following preceded by the letters (m) and (1) respectively:

'use of one or more of the following substances for deacidification purposes under the conditions laid down in Articles 34 and 36:

- neutral potassium tartrate,
- potassium bicarbonate,
- calcium carbonate, which may contain small quantities of the double calcium salt of L(+) tartaric and L(-) malic acids and tartaric acid;'

4. Point 2(e) is replaced by the following:

'(e) use of carbon dioxide, argon or nitrogen, either alone or combined, to create an inert atmosphere and to treat the wine shielded from the air. The carbon dioxide content of wine preserved or treated in this way may not exceed 2g/l;'

5. Point 2(h) is replaced by the following:

'(h) use of sodium alginate for the manufacture of sparkling wines;'