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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending, for the third time, Regulation (EEC) No 351/79
concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine
sector

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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
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Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 of 5 February 1979 on the common organization of the market in wine⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3456/80⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 42 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pending the adoption of provisions supplementing or harmonizing 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 351/79⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation

(EEC) No 3196/80⁽⁴⁾; whereas, moreover, experience has shown that this can be done without difficulty; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 351/79 should therefore be amended by extending to 31 December 1982 the transitional period due to expire on 31 December 1981,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 351/79, '31 December 1981' shall be replaced by '31 December 1982'.

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ No L 360, 31. 12. 1980, p. 18.
⁽³⁾ OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 90.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 333, 11. 12. 1980, p. 6