

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Recommendation for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

concluding the Agreement in the form of an exchange
of letters between the European Economic Community
and the Kingdom of Morocco concerning certain wine
originating in Morocco and entitled to a designation
of origin

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Cooperation and Interim Agreements signed on 27 April 1976 between the European Economic Community and Morocco provide in Article 21 (2) and Article 14 (2) respectively for exemption from customs duties in respect of ^{imports of} wine originating in Morocco and entitled to a designation of origin, within the limits of an annual quota of 50.000 hl.

The date from which the treatment will be applicable, and the list of wine to which the treatment can be applied, are to be specified by exchange of letters following verification of the equivalence of Moroccan and Community legislation with regard to wine entitled to a designation of origin.

Since this verification has now taken place in respect of the wine in question, the Commission proposes that the Council adopt the following proposal for a regulation.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

concluding the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters
between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco
concerning certain wine originating in Morocco
and entitled to a designation of origin.

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,

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community
and the Kingdom of Morocco was signed on 27 April 1976 ;

Whereas the Interim Agreement¹ signed on the same day entered into force on
1 July 1976 for the purpose of the advance implementation of the trade pro-
visions of the Cooperation Agreement ;

Whereas an Agreement should be concluded in the form of an exchange of let-
ters as provided for in Article 21 (2) of the above Cooperation Agreement
and Article 14 (2) of the above Interim Agreement concerning the application
of the arrangements provided for in the said Articles in respect of wine
entitled to a designation of origin under Moroccan law and exempt from cus-
toms duty on importation into the Community within the limits of an annual
Community tariff quota of 50 000 hectolitres,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION ;

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between
the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco concerning the appli-
cation of the arrangements provided for in Article 21(2) of the Cooperation

¹OJ No L 141, 28.5.1976, p. 98.

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Agreement and Article 14 (2) of the Interim Agreement, in respect of wine entitled to a designation of origin under Moroccan law and exempt from customs duty on importation into the Community within the limits of an annual Community tariff quota of 50 000 hectolitres, is hereby concluded on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters is annexed to this Regulation.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreement for the purpose of binding the Community².

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 Brussels,

For the Council,

The President.

²The date of signature of the Agreement will be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

AGREEMENT

in the form of an exchange of letters between
the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco
concerning certain wine originating in Morocco
and entitled to a designation of origin.

Letter n° 1

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the necessary conditions have been fulfilled for the application of the concession provided for, subject to observance of the reference price, in Article 21 (2) of the Cooperation Agreement signed on 27 April 1976 between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco and in Article 14 (2) of the Interim Agreement, as regards imports into the Community of wine which is entitled under Moroccan law to one of the designations of origin listed below and in respect of which you have requested application of the provisions of the Agreement.

- BERKANE
- SAIS
- BENI M'TIR
- GUERROUANE
- ZEMMOUR
- ZENNATA.

In addition, I am taking this opportunity to inform you that for the purposes of application of the declaration by the EEC on the provisions of the above Articles, in order to qualify for the arrangements in question wine in bulk must be put up in accordance with the following requirements:

- a) the containers must be suitable for transporting wine and be used solely for that purpose;
- b) the containers must be completely filled;
- d) the means of closing the containers must be such that they cannot be tampered with and must ensure that they cannot be the subject of operations during transportation or storage other than those carried out under the supervision of the authorities of Morocco or of the Member States of the Community;

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- d) each container must be labelled in such a way as to permit identification of the quality wine it contains;
- e) the wine in question may be transported only in containers of a capacity not exceeding 25 hectolitres.

The Community will adopt all necessary measure to ensure that the above arrangements apply will effect from 1 April 1977.

I should be grateful if you would confirm the agreement of your Government to the foregoing.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed) On behalf of the Council of the
European Communities.

Letter No 2

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, in which you inform me as follows:

"....."

I can confirm the agreement of my Government to the foregoing.

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

(signed) For the Government of the Kingdom
of Morocco.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE : 15.12.76

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : Art. 12 Customs duty

2. ACTION : Draft Council regulation concluding the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco concerning certain wine originating in Morocco and entitled to a designation of origin

3. LEGAL BASIS : Art. 113 of the Treaty

4. OBJECTIVES : Allow import free of customs duty of 50.000 hl of wine of registered designation of origin as provided for in the Cooperation Agreement between the EEC and Morocco.

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE	FOR THE MARKETING YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ()	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (77)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (RESEARCH/INVESTMENTS)			
- CHARGED TO NATIONAL ADMINSTR.			
- CHARGED TO OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
- ON RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)	- 0,45 Muc		- 0,45 Muc
- NATIONAL			

	YEAR ..1977.....	YEAR1978.....	YEAR
5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE			
5.1.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF RECEIPTS	- 0,45 Muc	- 0,45 Muc	Agreement valid only for 2 years

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

Non application of customs duties of 9 U.C./hl upon 50.000 hl.
= 450.000 U.C.

6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ?	YES/NO
6.1 FINANCING POSSIBLE BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGET ?	YES/NO
6.2 NECESSITY FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ?	YES/NO
6.3 CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ?	YES/NO

COMMENTS :