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# Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3168/76 laying down the conditions for coupage and wine making in the free zones on Community territory for wine products originating in third countries

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

On the 21 December 1976, the Council adopted Regulation (EEC) No 3168/76 laying down the conditions for coupage and wine making in the free zones on Community territory for wine products originating in third countries.

The date laid down for entry into force of this regulation was 1 March 1977. The Commission has encountered difficulties in the preparation of the detailed rules for application of this regulation and for this reason the application regulation cannot be adopted soon enough so as to allow Member States to adopt national application provisions.

The purpose of this proposed regulation is to postpone by two months the entry into force of the said provisions.

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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 organisation of the market in wine (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2842/76 (2), and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 26(4) and the third subparagraph of Article 28(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 3168/76 of 21 December 1976, laying down the conditions for coupage and wine making in the free zones on the Community territory for wine products originating in third countries (3) enters into force on 1 March 1977;

Whereas difficulties encountered in the preparation of the detailed rules for application of this Regulation and the necessity of providing for Member States an adequate time period to implement these rules, lead to postponing this date until 1 May 1977,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 99, 5.5.1970, p. 1 (2) OJ No L 327, 26.11.1976, p. 2 (3) OJ No L 357, 29.12.1976, p. 16

### HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

# Article 1

In Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 3168/76 "1 March 1977" shall be replaced by "1 May 1977".

## Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of 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