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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
amending Regulation (EEC) No 458/80 on collective projects for the
restructuring of vineyards

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Regulation (EEC) No 458/80 adopted on 18 February 1980 as part of the action programme for wine initiated a common measure for the restructuring of vineyards for implementation in vineyards producing table wine and in those suitable for the production of quality wine psr; there is no provision for a breakdown in surface area between the two categories of vineyard concerned.

Experience acquired in applying this Regulation suggests that it could be amended to make the measure more effective.

The attached proposal retains the same overall surface area but provides for a breakdown between vineyards producing table wine and those producing quality wine psr, in line with the object of the exercise, which is to improve the structure of the former while at the same time making adequate provision for the latter.

Adoption of this proposal will not generate any extra expenditure.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission¹,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament²,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee³,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 458/80 of 18 February 1980⁴, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2991/81⁵, initiated a common measure in certain vineyards producing table wines and in those suitable for the production of quality wines psr which takes the form of a premium granted for the restructuring of vineyards; whereas the amount of the premium is identical regardless of whether the vineyards produce table wines or quality wines psr; whereas there is no breakdown of surface area between the two categories of vineyard;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 458/80 must have an impact on the structural situation of vineyards producing table wines as well as on that of vineyards producing quality wines psr; whereas priority must, however, be given to vineyards producing table wines; whereas efforts must therefore be made to ensure that vineyards producing quality wines psr are not the main beneficiaries of the measure; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 458/80 should accordingly be amended in order to introduce a breakdown between vineyards producing table wines and those producing quality wines psr;

¹OJ No C

²OJ No C

³OJ No C

⁴OJ No L 57, 29. 2.1980, p. 27.

⁵OJ No L 299, 20.10.1981, p. 21.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 8(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 458/80 is hereby replaced by the following:

- "1. With the exception of the extra premium granted pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 5(2), expenditure incurred by the Member States under the measure provided for in this Regulation in connection with projects which have been approved in accordance with Article 7 shall be eligible for financing by the Guidance Section of the Fund, up to a limit of 240 600 hectares of newly-planted or replanted vineyard, including a maximum of 60 000 hectares of vineyard for the production of quality wines psr."

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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