

# European Communities

---

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

# Working Documents

1978 - 1979

---

15 November 1978

DOCUMENT 451/78

## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 439/78) for

- I. a regulation amending for the second time Regulation (EEC) No. 1162/76 on measures designed to adjust wine-growing potential to market requirements
- II. a regulation laying down supplementary measures to adjust wine-growing potential to market requirements in certain Community regions and amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1163/76

Rapporteur: Mr F. PISONI

1.2.1



By letter of 7 November 1978 the President of the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for regulations

- amending for the second time Regulation (EEC) No. 1162/76 on measures designed to adjust wine-growing potential to market requirements
- laying down supplementary measures to adjust wine-growing potential to market requirements in certain Community regions and amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1163/76.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr PISONI rapporteur.

It considered the proposal at its meeting of 14 November 1978 and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

Present: Mr Caillavet, chairman; Mr Liogier, Mr Ligios and Mr Hughes, vice-chairmen; Mr Pisoni, rapporteur; Mr Albertini, Mr Andersen, Mr Brégégère, Mr Brugger, Mr Corrie, Mr Cunningham, Mr Dewulf, Mrs Dunwoody, Mr Halvgaard, Mr Howell, Mr L'Estrange, Mr Brøndlund Nielsen (deputizing for Mr Cifarelli), Mr Pucci, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Soury, Mr Tolman and Mr Vitale.

C O N T E N T S

	<u>Page</u>
A. MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION .....	5
B. EXPLANATORY STATEMENT .....	6

A

The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a regulation amending for the second time Regulation (EEC) No. 1162/76 on measures designed to adjust wine-growing potential to market requirements
- II. a regulation laying down supplementary measures to adjust wine-growing potential to market requirements in certain Community regions and amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1163/76

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(78) 584 final),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 439/78),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 451/78),
- whereas the proposals submitted to it are transitional or limited in their application,
- whereas this opinion shall be without prejudice to its position on the action programme for the progressive establishment of balance on the market in wine<sup>1</sup>,

Approves the Commission's proposals.

---

<sup>1</sup>COM(78) 260 final, Vols. I to IV - Doc. 272/78 and 324/78

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTI. - INTRODUCTION

1. At its 516th meeting, held from 8 to 12 May 1978, the Council requested the Commission to submit to it a range of measures designed to strengthen market constraints and improve production structures in the wine sector.

2. The Commission duly submitted to the Council seven proposals aimed at progressively establishing a balance on the wine market over the period 1979-85<sup>1</sup>.

Since, however, it will take some time for these proposals to be adopted by the Council, the Commission decided to submit a set of measures designed either to extend the period of validity of certain provisions of the regulations currently in force or else to avoid a cumulation of premiums when the Council adopted the new provisions.

II. - APPRAISAL OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS(A) Amendment of Regulation (EEC) No. 1162/76<sup>2</sup>

3. Regulation (EEC) No. 1162/76 lays down measures designed to adjust wine-growing potential to market requirements.

Thus, it prohibits all new planting of vine varieties classified as wine grape varieties during the period 1 December 1976 to 30 November 1978.

Since, however, the Council should have adopted by 1 October 1978 the measures necessary to ensure that wine-growing potential is adapted to market requirements, taking into account the suitability for wine production of the various regions of the Community and the existence in those regions of viable alternatives in terms of agricultural crops, the Commission proposes that new planting be banned until the Council has adopted the said measures, the deadline for which is now 1 June 1979.

4. It is proposed, then, simply to extend the deadlines specified in Article 2(1) of Regulation No. 1162/76, which prohibits new planting of vines, and Article 5(1), which relates to the measures which the Council is required to adopt.

<sup>1</sup>COM(78) 260 final, Vols. I to IV - Docs. 272/78 and 324/78

<sup>2</sup>OJ No. L 135 of 24.5.1976, page 32

(B) Amendment of Regulation (EEC) No. 1163/76<sup>1</sup> and supplementary measures

5. Regulation (EEC) No. 1163/76 provides for the grant of a conversion premium in the wine sector for certain wine grape or table grape varieties.

In its action programme for the progressive establishment of balance on the wine market, the Commission introduces a proposal for a directive on the programme to speed up the conversion of some wine-growing areas in the Charentes region, since production in this region is in excess of demand.

6. With a view to preventing producers in this region from obtaining the conversion premium provided for in Regulation (EEC) No. 1163/76 concurrently with that to be granted under the abovementioned directive, following its adoption by the Council, the Commission proposes that they be made ineligible for the conversion premium from the date on which the directive takes effect.

7. The proposal for a regulation also lays down supplementary measures banning new planting of varieties classified in the category of varieties with special uses and regulating replanting in the 'Cognac' production area for the duration of the measure specified in Article 5 of the directive, namely three years with effect from its notification.

During this period, the exercise of the rights acquired under national laws to plant or replant are suspended. These rights are not abolished however, since they are extended for a period of three years.

8. As these special measures for the 'Cognac' region are only of limited application, there appears to be no reason for not approving them.

---

<sup>1</sup>OJ No. L 135 of 24.5.1976, page 34

### III. - CONCLUSIONS

9. The two Commission proposals in question, which are transitional or limited in their application, may be approved independently of the decision to be adopted by the Committee on Agriculture when it comes to examine the seven proposals embodied in the action programme for the progressive establishment of balance on the wine market.

The Committee on Agriculture will obviously make known its position on the programme in due course, but, in the meantime, it recommends Parliament to adopt the two measures under consideration, since they are more in the nature of technical adjustments than substantive amendments to the existing regulations.

---