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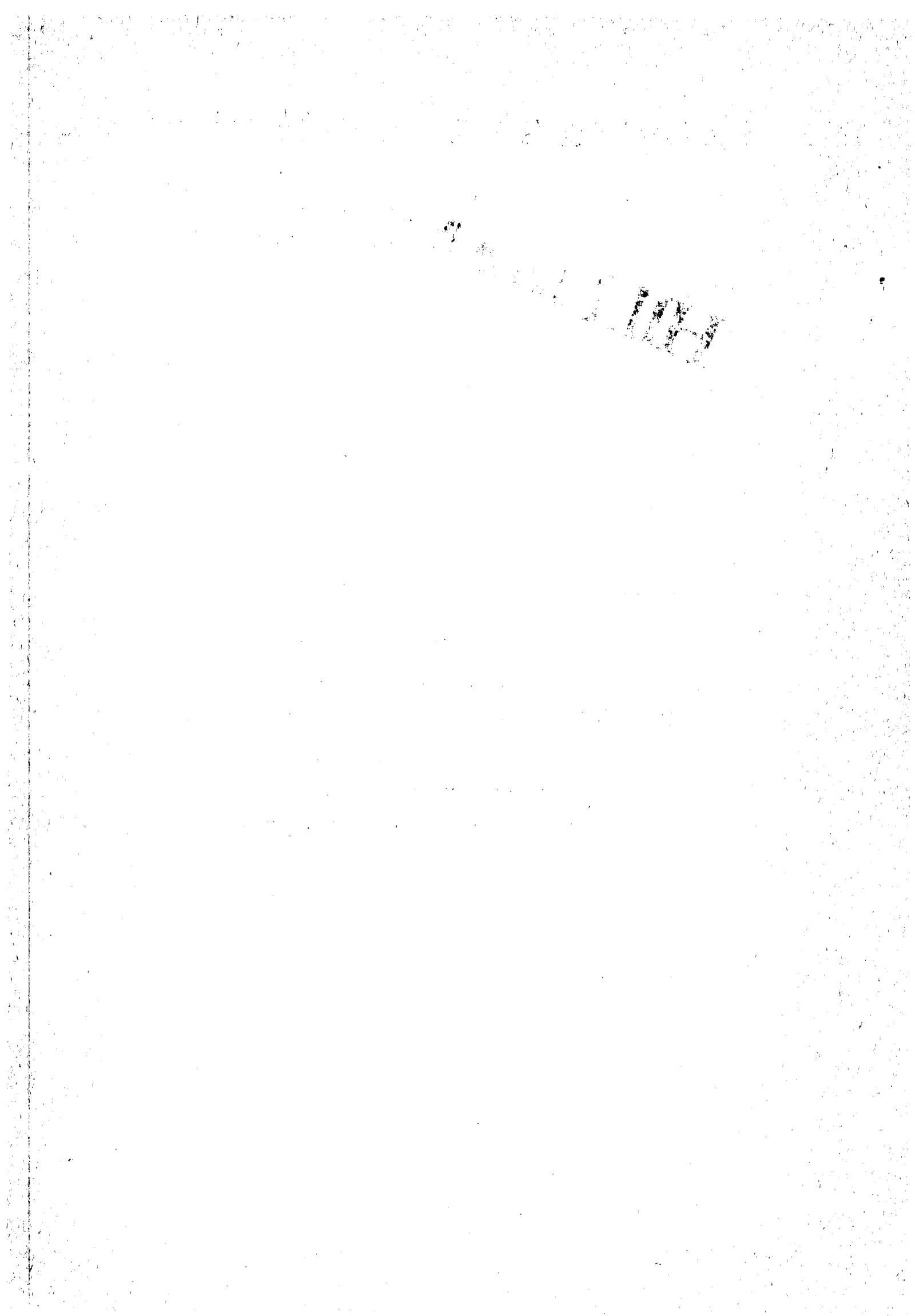
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Proposal for a

REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

on agriculture in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. It is laid down in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 541/70¹ of 20 March 1970 on agriculture in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg that the provisions of the second subparagraph of Article 1(1) of the Protocol on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are to remain applicable until full harmonization of specific duties on wine in the Community is achieved.

The second subparagraph of Article 1(1) of the Protocol referred to above lays down the Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Netherlands should apply the system provided for in the third paragraph of Article 6 of the Convention on the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxembourg of 25 July 1921.

The second paragraph of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) n° 541/70 lays down that if such harmonization is not achieved, and in any event not later than 31 December 1973, the Council shall, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, decide to what extent these provisions must be retained, amended or abolished.

Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3535/73² of 17 December 1973 extends this period until 31.12.1974.

Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3192/74³ of 17 December 1974 extends the period until 31 December 1975.

2. With regard to specific duties, the Commission proposed to the Council a directive on the harmonization of the exercise duties on wine.

The Council has not yet taken a decision on this matter, however.

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¹OJEC No L 68, 25.3.1970

²CJEC No E 43, 27.4.1972

³OJEC No L 361, 29.12.1973

⁴OJEC No L 341, 20.12.1974.

3. In 1970, the Council adopted Regulation (EEC) No 816/70^a laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine, including a system of intervention for table wines. However, the maintenance of the more favourable system on the Benelux market for wines originating in Luxembourg will continue over the next few years to be of benefit to the agricultural income of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in the sector concerned.

This system has not created any appreciable barrier to the free movement of wines of other origins in the Benelux countries. On the contrary, the absorption capacity of those markets is constantly on the increase.

However, it would seem desirable to prevent any increase in the excise duties on wines at present in force in the Benelux countries, in accordance with the Commission Recommendation to the Member States of

If the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3192/74 were retained, such an increase would result in a corresponding increase in the commercial advantage at present held by Luxembourg wines on the market of the Benelux countries. A discrepancy of this kind could cause a distortion of competition which would not be compatible with the proper functioning of the common market in agriculture.

It is therefore proposed that the exceptional system provided for in the second subparagraph of Article 1(1) of the protocol should be maintained until 31 December 1976, provision being made to ensure that, in the intervening period, the commercial advantage at present held on the market of the Benelux countries by wines originating in Luxembourg is not increased.

It is also proposed that the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, should decide, before 31 December 1976, to what extent these provisions must be retained or amended.

¹ OJEC No L 99, 5.5.1970

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Protocol on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 541/70¹ of 20 March 1970 on agriculture in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3535/73² of 17 December 1973 on agriculture in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 1 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3192/74³ of 17 December 1974 on agriculture in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 1 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas, under the second paragraph of Article 1(1) of the Protocol on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands are to apply the system provided for in the third paragraph of Article 6 of the Convention on the Economic Union of Belgium and Luxembourg of 25 July 1921; whereas Regulations (EEC) Nos 541/70 and 3192/74 provide that such system is to remain applicable until full harmonization of specific duties on wine in the Community is achieved but in any event not beyond 31 December 1975; whereas, however, the Council is to decide to what extent these provisions must be retained or amended;

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²OJEC No L361, 29.12.1973

³OJEC No L 341, 20.12.1974.

Whereas at the present time the harmonization of specific duties on wine in the Community has not been achieved; whereas the application of the said system in favour of Luxembourg wines will continue to be of benefit to the agricultural income of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in the sector concerned; whereas, for the other reasons given in Regulation (EEC) No 541/70, the said system should now be prolonged for one year;

Whereas it is desirable, however, to avoid any increase in the commercial advantage which wines originating in Luxembourg at present hold on the market of the Benelux countries by virtue of the second subparagraph of Article 1 (1) of the Protocol on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;

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HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The provisions of the second subparagraph of Article 1(1) of the Protocol on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg shall remain applicable as long as the excise duties charged in the Benelux countries on products falling within sub-headings Nos 22.05 C I or II of the Common Customs Tariff remain at the level in force on 1 January 1975.

Should these excise duties be increased, whatever form such increase may take, in a Benelux country, the tax exemption accorded on the market of the countries concerned to products falling within sub-heading No 22.05 C I or II of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Luxembourg may not exceed the degree of exemption in force on 1 January 1975.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1976.

Its provisions shall remain applicable until full harmonization of specific duties on wine in the Community is achieved, but in any event not beyond 31 December 1976.

The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, shall decide to what extent these provisions are to be retained or amended after that date.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

For the Council

The President

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for consistent data collection procedures and the use of advanced analytical techniques to derive meaningful insights from the data.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the implementation of data-driven decision-making processes. It provides a detailed overview of the steps involved in identifying key performance indicators (KPIs) and using data to inform strategic decisions.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the challenges and risks associated with data management and analysis. It offers practical advice on how to mitigate these risks and ensure the integrity and security of the data.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes by summarizing the key findings and recommendations. It stresses the importance of ongoing monitoring and evaluation to ensure that the data-driven approach remains effective and relevant in a rapidly changing business environment.

6. The final part of the document provides a list of references and resources for further reading. It includes links to relevant articles, books, and online tools that can help organizations improve their data management and analysis practices.