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AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION
AMENDING REGULATION (EEC) N° 816/70 LAYING DOWN ADDIT-
TIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE COMMON ORGANISATION OF THE
MARKET IN WINE

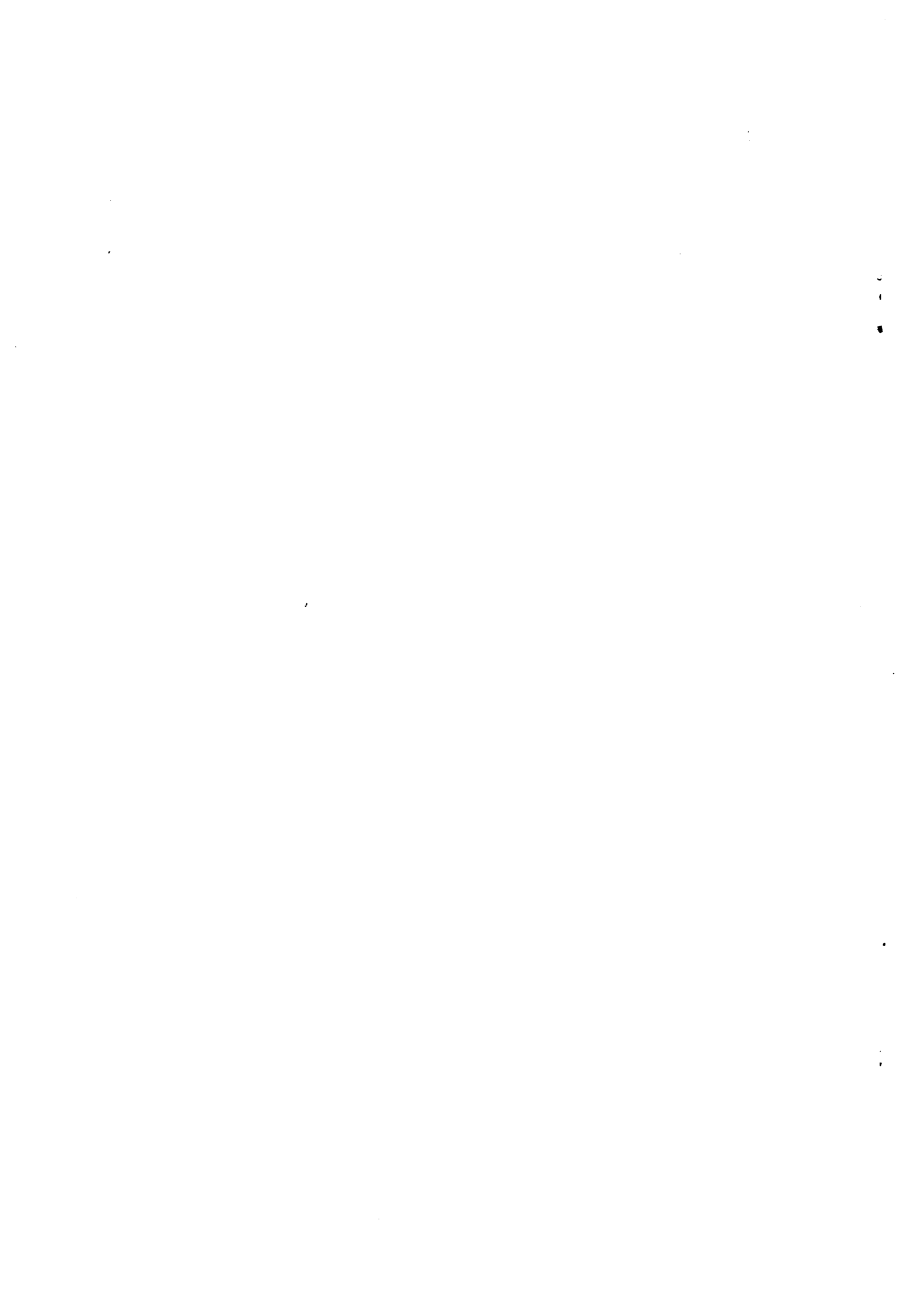
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(Presented by the Commission to the Council
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149 of the EEC Treaty)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Following discussions by the Council bodies, the Commission, in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 149 of the Treaty, is submitting certain amendments to the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) N° 816/70 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine (Doc. COM(77)174 final).

Article 6 of the original proposal, it would be possible to allow acidification of wine under certain conditions. This measure is in response to the technical problems of some wine-producing regions only, and it now appears necessary, in order to maintain a balance, to allow also for the problems of deacidification peculiar to certain other wine-producing regions. In addition, amendments to Regulation (EEC) N° 816/70 require that Regulation (EEC) N° 817/70 be adjusted accordingly in order to extend these measures to quality wines produced in specified regions.

Since these amendments are closely linked to the original Commission proposal and are of minor importance, it is not recommended that the Council consult the European Parliament.

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Amendments in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 149 of
the Treaty to the Commission Proposal of 10 May 1977 amending the basic
rules governing the wine sector

The Commission proposal is amended as follows :

1. The following shall be added to the title : "and Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions".

2. The second part of the sixth recital shall read as follows :

"Whereas, moreover, in years when weather conditions have been exceptional it should be possible to authorize this practice for table wines from zones C II and CIII and to authorize partial deacidification of wines from wine-growing zones A, B, C Ib and CII for a limited period of the year and in certain installations only; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 should be amended accordingly;"

3. The following indent shall be added to Article 6, amending Article 20 of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 :

"- partial deacidification of wines from wine-growing zones A, B, C Ia, C Ib and C II may be authorized on condition that it is carried out in the installations of the person who has processed the grapes and the musts from which the wines are derived."

4. The following Article shall be added :

"Article 7a

The first subparagraph of Article 8(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 shall read as follows :

1. Conditions and limits for the acidification and deacidification of fresh grapes, grape must, grape must in fermentation, new wine still in fermentation and wine and the procedure for granting authorizations and derogations are those laid down in Article 20 of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70."