

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for

Council Regulation (EEC) amending the Community  
tariff quotas opened for 1976 by Regulations (EEC)  
nos 2956/75, 2957/75 and 2958/75 for the importation  
of certain wines originating in Portugal.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Article 4 of Protocol No 8 annexed to the 1972 Agreement concluded between the Community and Portugal, Community tariff quotas for certain wines originating in Portugal (CCT heading No ex 22.05) were opened by Regulations (EEC) Nos 2956/75, 2957/75 and 2958/75.

A further Protocol to this 1972 Agreement is now to be signed with Portugal on 20 September 1976 as well as an Interim Agreement intended to advance the date of implementing certain provisions of this Protocol concerning trade in goods.

Article 9 (2) of this Interim Agreement provides, for 1976 and in respect of quota amounts and reduction in CCT duties, for an improvement of the conditions/<sup>as</sup> present laid down in Article 4 of the abovementioned Protocol No 8. As regards quota amounts, the "prorata temporis" clause is applicable.

As the Interim Agreement is planned to enter into force on 1 November 1976, Regulations (EEC) Nos 2956/75, 2957/75 and 2958/75 should be amended accordingly.

This is the objective of the proposal.



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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,  
and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas the European Economic Community signed on 20 September 1976 a further Protocol to the 1972 Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic (2) as well as an Interim Agreement with this country (3) intended to advance the date of implementating certain provisions of this Protocol concerning trade in goods; whereas the entry into force of the Interim Agreement is planned for 1 November 1976;

Whereas for 1976 Article 9 (2) of the Interim Agreement provides for an improvement of the conditions laid down in Article 4 of Protocol N° 8 annexed to the abovementioned 1972 Agreement concerning the importation of certain wines originating in Portugal; whereas for port wines imported in receptacles containing two litres or less the quota amount is increased from 20 000 hectolitres to 35 000 hectolitres; whereas for Madeira wines the quota amount and the reduction of customs duties are increased from 15 000 hectolitres to 16 000 hectolitres and from 30% to 50% respectively; whereas for Setubal muscatel wines the reduction of customs duties is increased from 30% to 50%; whereas the "prorata temporis" clause is applicable;

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Whereas by Regulations (EEC) Nos 2956/75 (1), 2957/75 (2) and 2958/75 (3) the Council opened, for 1976, Community tariff quotas for the importation of the abovementioned wines under conditions specified in Article 4 of the abovementioned Protocol No 8; whereas these Regulations should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. In Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2956/75, the quota volume of 20 000 hectolitres of port wines falling within tariff subheadings ex 22.05 C III a) 1 and ex 22.05 C IV a) 1 shall be increased to 22 500 hectolitres.

2. The following text shall replace Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2956/75 :

"Article 2

1. The tariff quotas laid down in Article 1 shall be divided into two instalments.

2. A first instalment shall be shared among the Member States; the shares which, subject to Article 5, shall be valid until 31 December 1976, shall consist of the following amounts :

(in hectolitres)

	Port wines under subheadings	
	ex 22.05 C III a) 1 and ex 22.05 C IV a) 1	ex 22.05 C III b) 1 and ex 22.05 C IV b) 1
Benelux	2 673	37 200
Denmark	547	16 800
Germany	3 017	23 200
France	6 014	108 900
Ireland	62	4 250
Italy	5 467	100
United Kingdom	2 470	64 550
Total	20 250	255 000

- (1) OJ No L 294 of 13 November 1975, p. 1  
(2) OJ No L 294 of 13 November 1975, p. 5  
(3) OJ No L 294 of 13 November 1975, p. 8.

3. The second instalment of each quota, 2 250 and 30 000 hectolitres respectively, shall constitute the reserve.

Article 2

1. In Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2957/75, the quota volume of 15 000 hectolitres of Madeira wines falling within subheadings ex 22.05 C III a) 1, ex 22.05 C III b) 1, ex 22.05 C IV a) 1 and ex 22.05 C IV b) 1 shall be increased to 15 167 hectolitres.

2. The following text shall replace Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2957/75 :

" 2. The Common Customs Tariff duties on wines imported within these tariff quotas shall be suspended at the rates listed below :

CCT heading No	Rate of duty
ex 22.05 C III a) 1	6.7 u.a./hl
ex 22.05 C III b) 1	5.5 u.a./hl
ex 22.05 C IV a) 1	7.2 u.a./hl
ex 22.05 C IV b) 1	6.0 u.a./hl

3. In Article 2 (3) of Regulation No 2957/75 the quota volume of the Community reserve shall be increased from 1 500 hectolitres to 1.667 hectolitres.

Article 3

The following text shall replace Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2958/75 :

" 2. The Common Customs Tariff duties on wines imported within these tariff quotas shall be suspended at the rates listed below :

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CCT heading No	Rate of duty
ex 22.05 C III a) 1	6.7 u.a./hl
ex 22.05 C III b) 1	5.5 u.a./hl
ex 22.05 C IV a) 1	7.2 u.a./hl
ex 22.05 C IV b) 1	6.0 u.a./hl

Article 4

The provisions of Articles 1, 2 and 3 shall apply from 1 November 1976 to 31 December 1976.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 November 1976.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President

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