

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 352/79

of 5 February 1979

authorizing the coupage of German red wines with imported red wines

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 of 5 February 1979 on the common organization of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 43 (4), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽²⁾,

Whereas Article 43 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 prohibits the coupage of an imported wine with a Community wine, except by way of derogation to be decided by the Council;

Whereas, to remain competitive, German red wines, pale in colour, must be subjected to coupage with imported red wines;

Whereas this practice must be subject to strict rules to prevent abuse,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. German red wines may be subjected to coupage with red wines from third countries.

2. The proportion of imported red wines for coupage shall not exceed 15% of the volume of the German wine used.

3. Only imported red wines having the following characteristics may be used for coupage:

- (a) a total alcoholic strength by volume of not less than 12% vol but not more than 15% vol; and
- (b) a dry extract content without sugar of not less than 28 g/l but not more than 35 g/l.

Article 2

The provisions of Article 1 shall be applicable for a transitional period which shall end not later than 30 June 1979.

Article 3

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 959/70 of 26 May 1970 authorizing the coupage of German red wines with imported red wines ⁽³⁾ is hereby repealed.

2. References to the Regulation repealed by paragraph 1 shall be construed as references to this Regulation.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on 2 April 1979.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 February 1979.

For the Council

The President

P. MEHAIGNERIE

⁽¹⁾ See page 1 of this Official Journal.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 276, 20. 11. 1978, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 115, 28. 5. 1970, p. 6.