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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1920/96

of 1 October 1996

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2046/89 laying down general rules for distillation operations involving wine and the by-products of winemaking

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine [1], and in particular Articles 35 (7), 36 (5), 38 (4), 39 (8), 41 (9) and 42 (5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, under Article 2 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2046/89 [2], Member States may treat associations of winegrowers' cooperatives as producers for the purposes of distillation and whereas Article 2 (4) provides for the presentation, by the Commission, of a report on this matter; whereas, in the light of the experience described in this report, this possibility should be retained on a permanent basis,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2046/89 shall be deleted.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply from 1 September 1996.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 1 October 1996.

For the Council

The President

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[1] OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1592/96 (OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 31).

[2] OJ No L 202, 14. 7. 1989, p. 14. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1546/95 (OJ No L 148, 30. 6. 1995, p. 34).