

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 378/2002
of 28 February 2002
opening a third quantity of wine for distillation as provided for in Article 29 of Council Regulation
(EC) No 1493/1999 for the 2001/02 wine year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2585/2001 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 33 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 of 25 July 2000 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine with regard to market mechanisms ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2464/2001 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 63 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The second subparagraph of Article 63(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 provides that two or more quantities of wine are to be opened for distillation for the 2001/02 wine year. A first quantity of 7 million hl of table wine was opened for the period 16 October to 15 November 2001 and a second quantity of 3 million hl for the period 1 to 31 January 2002. Given current absorption capacities in the potable alcohol sector in

certain regions of the Community and in view of budget possibilities, a third quantity of 2 million hl should be opened for distillation.

- (2) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 2001/02 wine year, distillation as provided for in Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 shall be opened for a third period from 1 to 15 April 2002. The maximum quantity which contracts and declarations within the meaning of Article 65 of Regulation (EC) No 1623/2000 may cover shall be 2 million hl.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 April 2002.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 February 2002.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 345, 29.12.2001, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 194, 31.7.2000, p. 45.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 331, 15.12.2001, p. 25.