

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2776/77**  
of 14 December 1977

**authorizing the conclusion of long-term private storage contracts for grape must and concentrated grape must in respect of the 1977/78 wine year**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 of 28 April 1970 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2211/77<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 5a (3) and 6 (6) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2775/77 of 14 December 1977<sup>(3)</sup> authorized the conclusion of long-term private storage contracts for certain table wines in respect of the 1977/78 wine year; whereas the condition, as laid down in the second indent of Article 5a (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70, for authorizing the conclusion of long-term storage contracts for grape must and concentrated grape must is therefore fulfilled; whereas, in view of the reduced harvest for the 1977/78 wine year, grape musts intended for the production of grape juice should be excluded from the authorization referred to above;

Whereas Article 6 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 provides that, for long-term contracts, the amount of the aid may be increased by up to 20 %; whereas, in view of the considerable risks to which must is subject during a long period of storage, provision should be made to increase by 20 % the rates of aid specified in Article 11 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2015/76 of 13 August 1976 on storage contracts for table wine, grape must and concentrated grape must<sup>(4)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2206/77<sup>(5)</sup>;

Whereas, in order to relieve the market on a more lasting basis and to prevent further difficulties after the expiry of the short-term contracts already concluded, it appears advisable to permit the conclusion of long-term storage contracts for must covered by short-term contracts concluded before the date of entry into force of this Regulation;

Whereas 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*

Long-term storage contracts may be concluded for grape must and concentrated grape must. Grape must which has been the subject of a long-term storage contract may not be used for the production of grape juice.

*Article 2*

For the storage contracts referred to in Article 1, the amount of aid as specified in Article 11 of Regulation (EEC) No 2015/76 shall be increased by 20 %.

*Article 3*

Short-term contracts concluded before the date of entry into force of this Regulation shall, at the request of the party concerned, be terminated in respect of those quantities for which at the time of such termination that party enters into a long-term storage contract.

In such case, entitlement to short-term storage aid for the said quantities shall not be lost in respect of the period during which they are the subject of a long-term contract.

*Article 4*

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

It shall apply with effect from 16 December 1977.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 99, 5. 5. 1970, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 256, 7. 10. 1977, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> See page 26 of this Official Journal.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 221, 14. 8. 1976, p. 20.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 255, 6. 10. 1977, p. 13.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1977.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*

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