

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3195/80****of 8 December 1980****fixing the activating price for table wines for the period from 16 December 1980  
to 15 December 1981**

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 organiza-  
tion of the market in wine <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by  
Regulation (EEC) No 2930/80 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular  
Article 3 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas an activating price must be fixed annually  
for each type of wine for which a guide price is fixed,  
taking into consideration the factors set out in Article  
3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79;

Whereas the quality of the harvest for the 1980/81  
wine year can generally be regarded as below average;

Whereas the current prices for R I table wines are  
very close to the activating price; whereas the prices  
for R II table wines, although 10 % below the acti-  
vating price, should rise appreciably in view of the  
relative shortage, in the production of the 1980/81  
wine year, of wines of high alcoholic strength;  
whereas, however, the prices for A I table wines have  
remained well below the activating price throughout  
the 1979/80 wine year, once again confirming the  
fundamental weakness of this sector of production  
owing to an imbalance between supply and demand;  
whereas the prices for R III, A II and A III table  
wines are above their respective activating price as a  
consequence of the limited availability of such wines;

Whereas, as a result of the far more plentiful stocks at  
the beginning of the wine year than in the previous  
year, the quantity available is considerably greater  
than that recorded in an average wine year;

Whereas the level of the activating prices must take  
account of the factors mentioned above; whereas the  
activating prices fixed for the previous wine year  
should therefore be increased, without, however,  
encouraging production;

Whereas, when the activating prices for the period  
from 16 December 1979 to 15 December 1980, were  
fixed, selectivity was introduced in the fixing of price  
levels, in order to take account of the differing market  
trends between red and white wines; whereas during  
the past wine year the same price trends have been  
confirmed; whereas it would therefore again appear to  
be desirable for the activating price for A I white  
wines to be increased by an amount which is smaller  
than that for red wines and than the increase decided  
upon by the Council for the guide price;

Whereas the guide prices for the period 16 December  
1980 to 15 December 1981 were fixed by Regulation  
(EEC) No 1591/80 <sup>(3)</sup>; whereas Article 3 (3) of Regula-  
tion (EEC) No 337/79 provides that the activating  
price shall be fixed at the same stage and shall be  
valid during the same period as the guide price;  
whereas Regulation (EEC) No 340/79 <sup>(4)</sup> determined  
the types of table wine to which these prices apply,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

*Article 1*

The activating prices for table wines for the period  
from 16 December 1980 to 15 December 1981 shall  
be fixed as follows :

Type of wine	Activating price
R I	2.49 ECU/% vol/hl
R II	2.49 ECU/% vol/hl
R III	38.87 ECU/hl
A I	2.27 ECU/% vol/hl
A II	50.79 ECU/hl
A III	58.00 ECU/hl

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16  
December 1980.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 305, 14. 11. 1980, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 160, 26. 6. 1980, p. 11.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 60.

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 1980.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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