

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2735/1999
of 21 December 1999

derogating from Regulation (EC) No 1294/96 as regards the deadline for the submission of harvest declarations in certain departments of France for the 1999/2000 wine year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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 organisation of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1677/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 3(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 11(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1294/96 of 4 July 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 as regards harvest, production and stock declarations relating to wine-sector products ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 225/97 ⁽⁴⁾, sets 10 December as the deadline for the submission of harvest and production declarations for grapes used in wine-making to the competent authorities. The exceptional weather conditions affecting a region of production in France have impeded the operations necessary to produce those

declarations. Provision should therefore be made for a derogation from that deadline.

- (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 1999/2000 wine year and by derogation from Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1294/96, producers of wine made from fresh grapes in the cantons listed in the Annex hereto shall submit the declarations provided for in Articles 1 and 3 of the abovementioned Regulation by 20 January 2000 at the latest.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 10 December 1999.

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

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 199, 30.7.1999, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 166, 5.7.1996, p. 14.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 37, 7.2.1997, p. 1.

ANNEX

Departement of Aude (11):

All cantons

Departement of Hérault (34):

Cantons of:

Olonzac

Rougan

La Salvetat

Capestant

Saint-Pons-de-Thomières

Saint-Chinian

Béziers.
