

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2191/2002
of 10 December 2002**

**amending Regulation (EC) No 1227/2000 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council
Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine, as regards
production potential**

(Text with EEA relevance)

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 80 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to resolve a particular practical problem, the time limit laid down in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 for derogating from Article 2(2) should be amended. Applying the various provisions regarding the grant of the derogation imposes a serious and complex administrative burden, particularly as regards checks and penalties. In the interests of sound administration, the date in question should thus be postponed to 31 March 2003.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1227/2000 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1342/2002 ⁽⁴⁾, should therefore be amended accordingly.

- (3) 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

Article 2(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1227/2000 is hereby replaced by the following:

‘1.(a) The deadline of 31 July 2002 laid down in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 shall be postponed to 31 March 2003.’

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 10 December 2002.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 345, 29.12.2001, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 143, 16.6.2000, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 196, 25.7.2002, p. 23.