

98/0040(CNS)

**Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No . . .
of . . .
fixing the guide prices for wine for the 1998/99 wine year
(98/C 87/08)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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 . . . ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 27 (5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, when the guide prices for the various types of table wine are fixed, account should be taken of the objectives of the common agricultural policy; whereas the objectives of the common agricultural policy are, in particular, to guarantee a fair standard of living for the farming community and to ensure that supplies are available and reach consumers at reasonable prices;

Whereas if these objectives are to be achieved, it is absolutely essential that the gap between production and demand should not be opened further; whereas to that

end, the guide prices for the 1998/99 wine year should be set at the same levels as the previous year;

Whereas the guide prices must be fixed for each type of table wine representative of Community production as defined in Annex III to Regulation (EEC) No 822/87,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1998/99 wine year, the guide prices for table wine shall be as follows:

Type of wine	Guide price
R I	ECU 3,828/% vol/hl
R II	ECU 3,828/% vol/hl
R III	ECU 62,15/hl
A I	ECU 3,828/% vol/hl
A II	ECU 82,81/hl
A III	ECU 94,57/hl

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 September 1998.

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

Done at . . .

For the Council

. . .

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ See page 13 of this Official Journal.