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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3677/89 in regard to the
total alcoholic strength by volume of certain
quality wines imported from Hungary

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

For certain high quality Hungarian wines Regulation (EEC) No 3677/89 waived the prohibition on importation into the Community of wine with a total alcoholic strength by volume of more than 15%. Pending conclusion of a general wine agreement with Hungary the waiver was granted only up to 31 August 1992.

Since discussions on an agreement are still in progress between the Community and Hungary it is proposed to extend the waiver by one year, to the final date of 31 August 1993.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1576/92⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 70(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 70(1)(b) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 prohibits importation of wine, other than liqueur or sparkling wine, for direct human consumption that has a total alcoholic strength by volume of more than 15%;

Whereas under Article 70(2)(a) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 the Council, by Regulation (EEC) No 3677/89 of 7 December 1989 on the total alcoholic strength by volume and the total acidity of certain imported quality wines and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2931/80⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2201/91⁽⁴⁾, waived this prohibition in the case of certain Hungarian wines; whereas this waiver expires on 31 August 1992; whereas pending the possible conclusion of a wine sector agreement between the Community and Hungary the waiver should be extended for a year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

(1) OJ No L 84, 27.3.1987, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 180, 01.7.1992, p. 27

(3) OJ No L 360, 9.12.1989, p. 1.

(4) OJ No L 203, 26.7.1991, p. 3.

Article 1

In Article 1(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3677/89 "31 August 1992" is replaced by "31 August 1993".

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 1 September 1992.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

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