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# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Brussels, 17 November 1983

Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)  
fixing the activating prices for table wines for the period  
16 December 1983 to 31 August 1984

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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### Explanatory memorandum

- I. Article 3(1) of Regulation (EEC) no. 337/79 on the common organization of the market in wine provides for the annual fixing of a threshold price activating the intervention system (termed the "activating price") for each type of wine for which a guide price is fixed.

This is the last occasion on which these prices are to be fixed before 16 December since, under the changes in Regulation (EEC) no 337/79 made last June by Regulation (EEC) no 1595/83, from next marketing year onwards they must be fixed before 1 September, the date when the new marketing year begins.

- II. The 1982/83 harvest was a large one, approximately 170 million hectolitres. This was 30 million hl more than the 1982/83 harvest, which admittedly could be considered relatively low and produced end-of-year stocks which were much lower than in 1980/81 and also lower than in 1978/79:

1981/82: 76.4 million hl

1980/81: 91.4 million hl

1978/79: 78 million hl

In spite of a fairly favourable position at the beginning of the marketing year and the considerable results achieved by the use of the intervention mechanisms throughout the year, the size of the harvest has resulted in an increase in the end-of-year stock level to approximately 85 million hectolitres, owing to a swelling of stocks of quality wine psr, production of which was particularly high.

The continuing improvement in the market has therefore not been as considerable as in the previous year, though since it has been more marked in Italy and in France, the market is now more unified than it was.

1) Quotations for red table wines have in general continued to improve.

- a) Italian quotations for type R I increased slowly but steadily and from July onwards were slightly higher than French quotations and almost 80% of the guide price. The differences in Italian quotations between the last two marketing years range from 6% to 28%.

For the year as a whole average French quotations, despite a slight falling off at the end of the year that took them just below Italian quotations, have been approximately 2% higher than those for the previous year.

- b) Italian quotations for wines of type R II have increased sharply (+18%, i.e. around 72% of the guide price) and although from April onwards they lost ground they have been higher than French quotations, which have dropped steadily from 87% of the guide price at the beginning of the year to 71% of the new guide price.
- c) The prices of wines of type R III have dropped because of the size of the harvest but are still finishing the year above the guide price.

2) Quotations for white table wines

- a) Quotations for wines of type A I have shown a continued narrowing of the gap between French and Italian prices, a trend that began last year. Although the gap was still considerable at mid-point of the 1981/82 marketing year it has steadily narrowed since then to become only a few decimal points at the end of 1982/83. The reasons for this change are on the one hand the persistent upward trend

of Italian prices, which have increased by 15 to 25% compared with 1981/82 and have fluctuated around 78% of the guide price, and on the other a falling off of French quotations, which were comfortably above the guide price at the beginning of the year but have dropped to 80% of the new guide price at the year's end.

Greek quotations have remained fairly poor (around 70% of the guide price), slightly down on 1981/82.

- b) Quotations for wines of types A II and A III tumbled as soon as a very abundant harvest was announced. At the beginning of the year they were comfortably above the guide price but fell in November to around 50% of it for wines of type A II and around 80% for wines of type A III and are finishing the year poorly, at 45% of the guide price for A II and 60% for A III.

III. 1) When fixing the guide prices for 1983/84 (Regulation (EEC) no 1596/83 of 14 June 1983, OJ no L 163, 22 June 1983) the Council decided to increase guide prices by 5.5% for all types of table wine except A I, for which it considered a 6% increase was called for in order to prevent an increase in absolute terms in the gap between prices for wines of that type and those for types R I and R II and thus permit the improvement in the market for type A I to continue.

2) In view of:

- the facts set out above,
- the position as regards supplies, which are expected to be higher than average because of the stocks carried over from the 1982/83 marketing year and the anticipated size and good quality of the 1983 harvest,

- the increase in the guide prices for the period 16 December to 31 August 1984 of 6% for table wines of type A I and 5.5% for all other types of table wine,

it is proposed that for each type of table wine the activating price be increased by the same percentage as the corresponding guide price was, the ratios between the activating prices and the guide prices remaining more or less the same as in the past year.

1982/83

	1	2	3
Type of wine	Guide price	Activating price	Ratio between
	1982/83	1982/83	1 and 2 (%)
R I - R II	3,27 Ecu/% vol hl	3,02 Ecu/% vol/hl	92,4
R III	51,03 Ecu/hl	47,24 Ecu/hl	92,6
A I	3,02 Ecu/% vol hl	2,75 Ecu/% vol/hl	91,1
A II	68,00 Ecu/hl	61,73 Ecu/hl	90,8
A III	77,66 Ecu/hl	70,49 Ecu/hl	90,8

Proposition 1983/84

	1	2	3	4	5
Type of wine	Guide price	Increase	Proposed	Increase	Ratio
	1983/1984	in 1983/84	activating price	in 1983/84	between
		guide	1983/84	activating	3 and 1
		price over:		price over:	(%)
		1982/83(%)		1982/83	
R I - R II	3,45 Ecus/%vol/hl	5,5	3,19 Ecus/% vol/hl	5,5	92,5
R III	53,84 Ecus/hl	5,5	49,84 Ecus/hl	5,5	92,6
A I	3,20 Ecus/%vol/hl	6,0	2,92 Ecus/% vol/hl	6,0	91,3
A II	71,74 Ecus/hl	5,5	65,13 Ecus/hl	5,5	90,8
A III	81,93 Ecus/hl	5,5	74,37 Ecus/hl	5,5	90,8

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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 337/79 of 5 February 1979 on the common organization of the market in wine<sup>1</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) no 1595/83<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 3(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas an activating price is to be fixed annually, in the light of the factors listed in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) no 337/79, for each type of wine for which a guide price is fixed;

Whereas the quality of the harvest for the 1983/84 wine marketing year must, generally speaking, be regarded as good;

Whereas the prices for table wines of types R I and R II have on the whole increased but are still below the activating price; whereas the prices for table wines of type A I, although in general continuing the improvement begun several years ago, have finished the marketing year below the activating price; whereas the fall in prices for table wines of types A II and A III below the activating prices is a result of the exceptionally large harvest in the regions where they are produced; whereas the prices for table wines of type R III have for the same reason fallen considerably but have finished the marketing year still comfortably above the activating price;

Whereas, because of the large 1983 harvest and the stocks, the total quantity available is higher than for an average marketing year;



Whereas the factors mentioned above must be reflected in the activating prices; whereas the activating prices fixed for the past marketing year should therefore be increased but not to such an extent as to stimulate production;

Whereas the guide prices were fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1596/83<sup>3</sup> for the period 16 December 1983 to 31 August 1984; whereas under Article 3(3) of Regulation (EEC) no 337/79 the activating prices are to be fixed at the same stage and are valid for the same period as the guide prices; whereas the types of table wine to which these prices apply were determined by Council Regulation (EEC) no 340/79<sup>4</sup>,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The activating prices for table wines for the period 16 December 1983 to 31 August 1984 shall be as follows:

Type of wine	:	Activating price
R I	:	3,19 Ecu/% vol/hl
R II	:	3,19 Ecu/% vol/hl
R III	:	49,84 Ecu/hl
A I	:	2,92 Ecu/% vol/hl
A II	:	65,13 Ecu/hl
A III	:	74,37 Ecu/hl

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16 December 1983.

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

Done at

For the Council

<sup>1</sup>0J No L 54, 5.3.1979, p. 1

<sup>2</sup>0J No L 163, 22.6.1983, p. 48

<sup>3</sup>0J No L 163, 22.6.1983, p. 52

<sup>4</sup>0J No L 54, 5.3.1979, p. 60

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date : 19.10.83

1. BUDGET HEADINGS : Chapter 16 APPROPRIATIONS : 1984 (579.18 M ECU)

2. TITLE : Draft Council Regulation fixing the activating price for table wines for the period from 16 December 1983 to 15 August 1984.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Council Regulation No 337/79

4. AIMS OF PROJECT : Setting the activating prices for table wines

## 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (83)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (84)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)	(1)	-	(1)
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION			
- OTHER			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
- NATIONAL			

	1985	1986		
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	(1)	(1)		
5.1.1 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS				

## 5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET? YES/NO

6.1 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET? YES/NO

6.2 WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY? YES/NO

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY? YES/NO

OBSERVATIONS : (1) As it is proposed to increase the activating prices by the same percentage as that adopted in June by the Council for the guide price (thereby maintaining the existing relationship between these prices), the financial impact of this proposal is neutral and indirect. Its effect was incorporated when preparing the 1984 budget.