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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
abolishing the "accession" compensatory amount applicable
to liqueur wines

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Article 107 of the Act of Accession provides for compensatory amounts for liqueur wines fixed at the level of the countervailing charge to be applied vis-à-vis third countries on 1 January 1981. The timetable for eliminating the compensatory amounts is laid down in Article 59 of the Act of Accession. The compensatory amount now applicable (period running from 16 December 1982 to 15 December 1983) is 6 ECU/hl. According to the timetable for its elimination, this amount will be reduced with effect from 16 December 1983 to 4 ECU/hl.
2. There are no longer any compensatory amounts for the other products in the wine sector. They were abolished when it was found that the difference between the common prices and the prices applied in Greece was minimal on the basis of Article 60 of the Act of Accession.
3. From the economic point of view, maintaining compensatory amounts is unjustified in that the offer prices for Greek liqueur wines on the Community market is higher than the reference price fixed for imported liqueur wines.

In addition, since Accession, Greek exports of liqueur wines to the Community have fallen off steadily (by about 60%).

4. Since the situation now obtaining in respect of liqueur wines is similar to that in which compensatory amounts were eliminated for the other wine sector products, it is proposed that the compensatory amounts for liqueur wines be abolished pursuant to Article 60 of the Act of Accession.
5. In view of the small quantities involved, the loss of revenue resulting from this measure is insignificant.
It has already been included in the overall financial consequences of the Council Decisions of 16 May 1983 (agricultural prices and related measures).

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular Article 60 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas Article 107 of the Act of Accession introduces for liqueur wines a system of "accession" compensatory amounts; whereas that Article fixes directly the level of those amounts on the date of Accession and lays down a timetable for their abolition; whereas the compensatory amounts reflect the difference between the reference prices fixed for imported liqueur wines and the prices of those products recorded in trade between the Community as constituted prior to the Accession of Greece, hereinafter called the "Community of Nine", and Greece; whereas the compensatory amounts are designed to prevent disturbances of trade resulting from the price differences;

Whereas the prices of Greek liqueur wines recorded in trade between the Community of Nine and Greece are at present higher than the reference prices fixed for imported liqueur wines;

Whereas the "accession" compensatory amounts applicable to the other wine sector products for which common prices were fixed have been abolished; whereas they were abolished when the difference recorded between the common prices and the prices applicable in Greece was minimal;

Whereas the situation obtaining at present in trade in liqueur wines between the Community of Nine and Greece is similar to that in which the "accession" compensatory amounts for the other wine products were abolished; whereas, in the first place, virtually no liqueur wines are being shipped from the Community of Nine to Greece; whereas, secondly, given the level of the prices of Greek liqueur wines, the application of an "accession" compensatory amount is unjustified; whereas, maintaining "accession" compensatory amounts for liqueur wines only is moreover economically undesirable since it is liable to aggravate further the already alarming situation in this sector in the Member State in question; whereas steps should therefore be taken to abolish the "accession" compensatory amounts applicable to liqueur wines,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The "accession" compensatory amount applicable to liqueur wines in trade between the Community of Nine and Greece and between the latter and non-member countries is hereby abolished.

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 Brussels,

For the Council