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REGULATION (EEC) No 2504/71 OF THE COUNCIL

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amending Regulation No 24 and Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 on the common organisation of the market in wine

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament¹;

Whereas Article 3 (1) of Regulation No 24² on the progressive establishment of a common organisation of the market in wine, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 816/70³, laid down 25 November of each year as the final date for the submission of the forward estimate; whereas experience has shown that drawing up this estimate at a later date makes it possible to achieve a better evaluation of the situation and consequently to make more accurate estimates; whereas the date originally fixed should therefore be put back;

Whereas the second subparagraph of Article 5 (5) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 of 28 April 1970 laying down additional provisions for the common organisation of the market in wine, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2312/71⁴, lays down that long-term contracts may only be entered

into during the period from 1 December to 31 January of the same wine-growing year; whereas if the date for submitting the forward estimate is put back, the period during which the said contracts may be entered into should also be put back;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 3 (1) of Regulation No 24, the date 10 December shall be substituted for the date 25 November.

Article 2

In the second subparagraph of Article 5 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70, the words 'the period from 16 December to 15 February' shall be substituted for the words 'the period from 1 December to 31 January.'

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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, 22 November 1971.

For the Council

The President

P. SILVESTRI

¹ OJ No C 114, 11.11.1971, p. 27.

² OJ No 30, 20.4.1962, p. 989/62.

³ OJ No L 99, 5.5.1970, p. 1.

⁴ OJ No L 244, 30.10.1971, p. 9.