

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2931/80

of 11 November 1980

on certain quality wines originating in the Republic of Austria

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 organiza-
tion of the market in wine⁽¹⁾, as last amended by
Regulation (EEC) No 2930/80⁽²⁾, and in particular the
second subparagraph of Article 50 (2) under (a)
thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, under Article 50 (1) (b) of Regulation (EEC)
No 337/79, wines intended for direct human
consumption other than liqueur wines and sparkling
wines may not be imported if their total alcoholic
strength by volume exceeds 15 %; whereas it is,
however, laid down in paragraph 2 of the same Article
that the Council may derogate from this rule in order
to allow the delivery for direct human consumption of
certain wines originating in third countries and
bearing a geographical ascription;

Whereas the Community and the Republic of Austria
have initialled an Agreement on the control and reci-
procal protection of wines bearing a geographical
ascription, which means that each of the wines
mentioned in the said Agreement is eligible, on the
territory of the other contracting party, for the same
protection as indigenous wines of the same kind;
whereas it is therefore necessary that all the wines
covered by the said Agreement, including wines of
more than 15 % vol, should be able as from the date

on which the Agreement comes into force to move
and be delivered for direct human consumption,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Wines originating in the Republic of Austria whose
total alcoholic strength by volume exceeds, without
any enrichment, 15 % may be delivered for direct
human consumption in the Community, provided
that they bear :

- the name of a wine-growing sub-region appearing
in the Agreement between the European
Economic Community and the Republic of
Austria on the control and reciprocal protection of
quality wines and certain wines bearing a geogra-
phical ascription, and, where appropriate, in addi-
tion, the name of a geographical unit more
restricted than a sub-region,
- one of the following descriptions: 'Auslese' or
'Auslesewein', 'Beerenauslese' or 'Beerenauslese-
wein', 'Ausbruch' or 'Ausbruchwein',
'Trockenbeerenauslese'.

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 be applicable from the date of entry into force
of the Agreement referred to in the first indent of
Article 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 November 1980.

For the Council

The President

C. NEY

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ See p. 1 of this Official Journal.