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**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 225/97**

**of 6 February 1997**

**amending Regulation (EC) No 1294/96 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 as regards harvest, production and stock declarations relating to wine-sector products**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1592/96 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 3 (4), 36 (6), 39 (7) and 81 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 1294/96 <sup>(3)</sup>, as corrected by Regulation (EC) No 2050/96 <sup>(4)</sup>, lays down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87, in particular as regards harvest, production and stock declarations relating to wine products;

Whereas checks on Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1294/96 have revealed differences between the various language versions as compared with the definition in force prior to that Regulation; whereas it should be stipulated that the harvest declaration is to be submitted by the producer of the grapes; whereas, consequently, this should be indicated to avoid any ambiguity;

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

Done at Brussels, 6 February 1997.

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Article 1 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1294/96 is hereby replaced by the following:

'1. Natural or legal persons or groups of such persons who produce grapes, hereinafter referred to as "harvesters", shall submit each year to the competent authorities designated by the Member States a harvest declaration in the administrative unit specified, containing at least the information specified in Table A of Annex I and, where appropriate, Table Aa of Annex I.

Member States may, where appropriate, authorize the presentation of one declaration per holding.'

*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 2 September 1996.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 31.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 166, 5. 7. 1996, p. 14.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 274, 26. 10. 1996, p. 17.