

Commission Regulation (EC) No 555/2008 of 27 June 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 on the common organisation of the market in wine as regards support programmes, trade with third countries, production potential and on controls in the wine sector

TITLE II

SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

CHAPTER II

Eligible measures

Section 9

Crisis distillation

Article 28

Definition of the measure

- 1 Subject to the condition referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 479/2008, and within the limit of the available budget, referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the same Article, Member States which open a crisis distillation on a part or on the entirety of their territory, for one or more wine categories, on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria, shall inform the Commission through a modification of their support programmes.
- 2 Member States may require that this distillation is made compulsory for a part or for the entirety of their producers, on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria.
- 3 Member States shall adopt detailed rules for applying the measure provided for in this Article.

Article 29

Modalities of the aid

- 1 The aid referred to in Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 479/2008 is paid, subject to the condition referred to in paragraph 3 of the same Article, to distillers, which process wine into raw alcohol with an alcoholic strength of at least 92 % vol.
- 2 The aid may include a minimum price, which shall be transferred by the distillers to the wine producers.
- 3 Member States may provide for support to be advanced provided that the beneficiary has lodged a security.

Article 30

Amount of the aid

1 Member States shall establish the amount of aid and, where relevant, the minimum price for the wine producers referred to in Article 29 hereto and communicate them to the Commission in the relevant part of the forms set-out in Annexes I, V and VII. These amounts can be adjusted, notably by production region and wine category, on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria. In any event, the aid shall be fixed in such a way that the price paid to wine producers does not exceed the market price for the corresponding production region and wine category.

2 Where relevant, Member States shall correspondingly reduce the minimum price to producers for wines, whose alcoholic strength has been increased by adding sucrose or must having benefited from the aid referred to in Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 479/2008.

Article 31

National aid

Where Member States grant national aid for crisis distillation, they shall record details of each application and its outcome. They shall communicate this in the corresponding line set out in Annexes II, III and IV.