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## REGULATION No 143 OF THE COMMISSION

## laying down initial provisions for the preparation of the viticultural land register

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 24 on the progressive establishment of a common organisation of the market in wine, and in particular Article 5 thereof;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Management Committee for Wine;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation No 24 provides that Member States shall prepare a viticultural land register and lays down the minimum information to be included therein;

Whereas, in view of the minor importance to the wine-growing economy of plantations with an area under vines of less than 10 ares, these need not be subject to the general census, provided that no part of their output is sold;

Whereas, in the present state of development of the common wine policy, it is not essential to conduct a census of vine plantations under glass, bearing in mind their negligible contribution to Community output of wine; whereas it is nevertheless useful to have, in respect of such plantations, the information listed in Article 1 of Council Regulation No 24;

Whereas, on the other hand, in order to obtain adequate knowledge of wine-growing potential, the output of which affects the market, and to be in a position to implement on site any necessary measures, it is important to determine for each vine plantation the number of vineyard plots which it comprises and details enabling them to be identified;

Whereas it is important to define the nature and scope of the information listed in Article 1 of Council Regulation No 24;

Whereas the methods of keeping the viticultural land register up to date will need to be defined later, having particular regard to the methods adopted for drawing up the register in the Member States;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

For the purposes of the preparation of the viticultural land register provided for in Article 1 of Council Regulation No 24 on the progressive establishment of a common organisation of the market in wine, any natural or legal person who cultivates vines in the open air or causes them to be so cultivated on his behalf is hereby required to submit to the authority appointed by Member States a signed declaration regarding his vineyard.

However no natural or legal person who cultivates or causes to be cultivated on his behalf, less than 10 ares of vines in the open air, of which no part of the output in grapes, must or wine is sold directly or indirectly, shall be required to submit a declaration.

*Article 2*

The declaration provided in Article 1 shall include the following information:

- the name and address of the vine grower and the type of management;
- the name and address of the landowner/s;
- the total area of the plantation;
- the total area under vines subdivided according to:
  - (a) nature of produce,
  - (b) type of cultivation,
  - (c) age of the vine-stocks,
  - (d) year in which the different vine varieties were planted;
- number of vine plants per are;

- number of vineyard plots in the plantation, the area of each and details enabling them to be identified.

#### Article 3

The terms used in the preceding Article shall mean the following:

- nature of produce:
  - (a) wine grapes,
  - (b) table grapes,
  - (c) produce from nurseries and root-stock parent vines;
- type of cultivation: pure or mixed;
- vineyard plot: one continuous piece of land carrying vines, worked by one and the same natural or legal person and constituting a distinct entity as regards nature of produce and type of cultivation.

#### Article 4

As regards the classification of vineyard areas according to the age of vine-stocks the exact indication of age may, in the case of vines more than three years old, be replaced by mentioning one of the following age groups:

- 3 to 6 years,
- 6 to 10 years,
- 10 to 20 years,
- 20 to 30 years,
- over 30 years.

The same shall apply to the year in which vine varieties are planted.

#### Article 5

1. Member States shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the declarations provided for in Article 1 are submitted and are correct. They shall be

responsible for centralising the declarations and for preparing a summary at national level of the information required by Article 2.

As regards vines grown under glass, Member States shall, by any appropriate method, collect the information mentioned in Article 1 of Council Regulation No 24.

2. For statistical purposes areas under mixed cultivation shall be converted into areas under pure cultivation by means of the ratio between the average yields per hectare of the two types of cultivation applied to sufficiently uniform zones.

#### Article 6

This Regulation shall not invalidate any measures taken by Member States to provide a general vineyard census including information additional to that required by Article 2, obtained, for example, from wider categories of people than those laid down in Article 1, or from a more detailed declaration of the characteristics of the vineyard or plantation.

#### Article 7

Procedures for communicating to the Commission the information obtained and the form in which it is to be communicated, together with measures for keeping such information up to date, shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 7 of Council Regulation No 24, on the basis of the methods chosen by Member States for drawing up the viticultural land register.

#### Article 8

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

Done at Brussels, 23 November 1962.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

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