COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 3010/77

of 20 December 1977

opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for wines from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas falling within heading No ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1978)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas on the signing of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Spain (2) on 29 June 1970 the Community undertook to grant preferential tariff arrangements for imports into the Community of certain wines originating in Spain, in particular wines from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas; whereas in order to satisfy this undertaking, the Community each year has opened a tariff quota for 15 000 hectolitres, at a duty rate of 70 % of the Common Customs Tariff duties, for Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas wines in containers holding two litres or less, falling within subheadings ex 22.05 C I a), ex 22.05 C II a) and ex 22.05 C III a) 2, originating in Spain; whereas these preferential tariff arrangements were laid down only for imports of these products into the Member States of the Community as originally constituted; whereas, under the Act of Accession imports of these products into the three new Member States are subject to Common Customs Tariff duties with effect from 1 July 1977; whereas the import arrangements for these products should be uniform throughout the Community; whereas therefore the aforementioned annual quota should be increased to 22 000 hectolitres; whereas this Community tariff quota should be opened for the year 1978;

Whereas these wines remain subject to the provisions governing the common organization of the market in vine products, especially as regards observance of the reference price; whereas inclusion in the Community tariff quota should be subject to production of movement certificate A.E.1 and a certificate of designation of origin;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2506/75 of 29 September 1975 laying down special rules for the importation of products in the wine-growing sector originating in certain third countries (3), introduced the idea of a free-at-frontier reference price, being the reference price less customs duties actually levied;

Whereas it is in particular necessary to ensure for all Community importers equal and uninterrupted access to the abovementioned quota and uninterrupted application of the rates laid down for that quota to all imports of the products concerned into all Member States until the quota has been used up; whereas, having regard to the principles mentioned above, the Community nature of the quota can be respected by allocating the Community tariff quota among the Member States; whereas, in order to reflect more accurately the actual development of the market in the products concerned, such allocation should be in proportion to the needs of the Member States, assessed by reference to both the statistics of each State's imports of the said products from Spain over a representative period and the economic outlook for the quota period concerned;

Whereas available Community statistics give no information on the situation of wines from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas on the markets; whereas, however, Spanish statistics for exports of these products to the Community during the last few years can be considered to reflect approximately the situation of Community imports; whereas on this basis the corresponding imports by each of the Member States represent the following percentages of the imports into the Community from Spain of the products concerned;

Member States	1974	1975	1976
Benelux	19.6	23.0	36.3
Denmark	3.0	2.6	6.0
Germany	10.3	45.0	20.2
France	4.6	9.0	14.2
Ireland	0.2	0.1	0.1
Italy	28.1	3.8	10.1
United Kingdom	34.2	16.5	13.1
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⁽³⁾ OJ No L 256, 2. 10. 1975, p. 2.

⁽¹⁾ Opinion delivered on 16 December 1977 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

published in the Official Journal). (2) OJ No L 182, 16. 8. 1970, p. 2.

Whereas, in view of these factors and of the estimates submitted by certain Member States, initial quota shares may be fixed approximately at the following percentages:

Benelux	34.55
Denmark	4.20
Germany	22.78
France	2.73
Ireland	0.23
Italy	14.49
United Kingdom	21.02;

Whereas, in order to take into account import trends for the products concerned in the different Member States, the quota amount should be divided into two tranches, the first tranche being allocated among the Member States and the second forming a reserve intended ultimately to cover the requirements of the Member States which have used up their initial quota shares; whereas, in order to ensure a certain degree of security to importers in each Member State, the first tranche of the Community quota should be determined at a level which, under present circumstances, may be approximately 80 % of the quota amount;

Whereas the initial shares of the Member States may be used up at different times; whereas, in order to take this fact into account and avoid any break in continuity, it is important that any Member State having used up almost the whole of its initial shares should draw an additional share from the reserve; whereas this must be done by each Member State as and when each of its additional shares is almost entirely used up, and repeated as many times as the reserve allows; whereas the initial and additional shares must be available for use until the end of the quota period; whereas this method of administration calls for close cooperation between Member States and the Commission, which must, in particular, be able to observe the extent to which the quota amount is used and inform Member States thereof;

Whereas, if at a specified date in the quota period, a considerable balance remains in one or other Member State it is essential that that Member State pays a large amount of it back into the reserve, in order to avoid a part of the Community quota remaining unused in one Member State when it could be used in others;

Whereas since the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are united in and represented by the Benelux Economic Union all transactions concerning the administration of shares allocated to that economic union may be carried out by any one of its members,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. From 1 January until 31 December 1978, the Common Customs Tariff duties in respect of the following products originating in Spain shall be partially suspended at the levels shown below within the limits of a Community tariff quota of 22 000 hectolitres:

CCT heading No	Description	Rate • (in u.a./hl)
ex 22.05 C I a)	Wines from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas	8.4
ex 22.05 C II a)	Wines from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas	9.8
ex 22.05 C III a) 2	Wines from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas	11.9

- 2. The protocol on the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and on methods of administrative cooperation, annexed to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Spain, shall be applicable.
- 3. The inclusion of these wines in this Community tariff quota shall be conditional upon observance of the reference price applying to them and production of a certificate of designation of origin, corresponding to one of the specimens annexed hereto, endorsed by the Spanish customs authorities. This certificate must be in accordance with Article 2 (2) to (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 1120/75.
- 4. The wines in question shall benefit from these tariff quotas on condition that the prices on import into the Community are not at any time less than the free-at-frontier reference prices referred to in Regulation (EEC) No 2506/75 and subsequent texts which apply to such prices.

Article 2

1. The Community tariff quota referred to in Article 1 shall be divided into two tranches.

2. The first tranche, amounting to 17 600 hectolitres, shall be shared among the Member States; the proportions which, subject to Article 5, shall be valid until 31 December 1978, shall be as follows:

Benelux	6 080 hl
Denmark	740 hl
Germany	4 010 hl
France	480 hl
Ireland	40 hl
Italy	2 550 hl
United Kingdom	3 700 hl.

3. The second tranche, amounting to 4 400 hectolitres, shall constitute the reserve.

Article 3

- 1. If 90 % or more of the initial share of a Member State, as laid down in Article 2 (2), or 90 % of that share less the amount returned into the reserve, where the provisions of Article 5 have been applied, has been exhausted, that Member State shall proceed without delay, by notifying the Commission, to draw a second share equal to 15 % of its initial share, rounded up to the next unit where appropriate, to the extent that the amount in the reserve allows.
- 2. If, after its initial share has been exhausted, 90 % or more of the second share drawn by a Member State has been used, that Member State shall proceed, in the manner specified in paragraph 1, to draw a third share equal to 7.5 % of its initial share, rounded up to the next unit where appropriate, to the extent that the amount in the reserve allows.
- 3. If, after its second share has been exhausted, 90 % or more of the third share drawn by a Member State has been used, that Member State shall proceed, in the same way, to draw a fourth share equal to the third.

This process shall be applied until the reserve is exhausted.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, the Member States may proceed to draw shares smaller than those fixed in those paragraphs if there is reason to believe that they might not be used up. They shall inform the Commission of the reasons which led them to apply this paragraph.

Article 4

The additional shares drawn pursuant to Article 3 shall be valid until 31 December 1978.

Article 5

Member States shall return to the reserve, not later than 1 October 1978, the unused portion of their initial share which, on 15 September 1978, is in excess of 20 % of the initial amount. They may return a larger portion if there are grounds for believing that such portion may not be used in full.

Each Member State shall, not later than 1 October 1978, notify the Commission of the total imports of the products concerned effected up to 15 September 1978 inclusive, and charged against the Community quota and, where appropriate, the proportion of its initial share that is being returned to the reserve.

Article 6

The Commission shall keep account of the shares opened by Member States in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 and shall inform each of them of the extent to which the reserve has been used as soon as it receives the notifications.

The Commission shall, not later than 5 October 1978, notify Member States of the amount in the reserve after the return of shares pursuant to Article 5.

The Commission shall ensure that any drawing which uses up the reserve is limited to the balance available and, for this purpose, shall specify the amount thereof to the Member State which makes the final drawing.

Article 7

- 1. The Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that, when additional shares are drawn pursuant to Article 3, it is possible for charges to be made without interruption against their accumulated shares of the Community quota.
- 2. The Member States shall ensure that importers of the said goods established in their territory have free access to the shares allocated to them.
- 3. The extent to which a Member State has used up its share shall be determined on the basis of the imports of the goods in question entered at customs for home use.

Article 8

On receipt of a request from the Commission, Member States shall inform it of imports actually charged against their shares.

Article 9

Article 10

The Member States and the Commission shall cooperate closely in order to ensure that this Regulation is observed.

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1978

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1977

For the Council
The President
H. SIMONET

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