

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 on the common organisation of the market in wine

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(Submitted by the Commission on 20 June 2001)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Article 1

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 is amended as follows:

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

1. The following third subparagraph is added to Article 11(3):

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

'It shall cover the new planting rights awarded within the framework of material improvement plans referred to in Regulation (EC) No 950/97 and those awarded to young farmers and used during the 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 marketing years.'

Whereas:

(1) A number of Member States pursue an active policy of generational replacement in the agricultural sector. This policy has proved its worth particularly in the wine sector, where there is a great need to attract younger growers.

2. In the second subparagraph of Article 15, point (b) is replaced by the following:

(2) In order to facilitate the application of such a policy in the wine sector, and pending implementation of the system of reserves of planting rights, provision should be made for the new planting rights awarded to young farmers to be eligible, on a temporary basis, for the restructuring aid scheme introduced by Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999⁽¹⁾. This should also be allowed for the new planting rights awarded within the framework of the former material improvement plans referred to in Council Regulation (EC) No 950/97 of 20 May 1997 on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures⁽²⁾ to facilitate the transition from earlier arrangements.

'(b) provisions governing the use of replanting rights in general and of new planting rights awarded within the framework of material improvement plans and to young farmers, in the implementation of programmes.'

Article 2

(3) Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 should therefore be amended,

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p. 1. Regulation amended by Regulation (EC) No 2826/2000 (OJ L 328, 23.12.2000, p. 2).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 142, 2.6.1997, p. 1.