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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 670/2003 of 8 April 2003 laying down specific measures concerning the market in ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 3(1), the first subparagraph of Article 3(3), Article 4(4) and Article 11 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) To allow the Commission to establish the Community alcohol balance provided for in Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 670/2003 and to have an overview of the development of trade, the Member States should regularly send to the Commission, in a standard format, data on the quantities of alcohol produced, imported, exported and disposed of, and on the stocks held at the end of the marketing year and estimated production.
- (2) Ethyl alcohol of non-agricultural origin may, for certain uses, be used as a substitute for alcohol of agricultural origin. As a result the Community balance should also incorporate this type of product.
- (3) The Member States and the Commission should be able to monitor trade developments on a permanent basis to allow a better appraisal of market development. To that end, provision should be made for issuing import licences. Reports on the import licences issued should be submitted each week.
- (4) The period of validity of licences should be laid down taking account of the uses and delivery deadlines practised in international trade.
- (5) In accordance with Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 670/2003, licences are to be issued subject to the lodging of a security which is forfeited in whole or in part if import is not carried out, or is only carried out partially. The amount of that security should therefore be laid down.
- (6) Save as otherwise provided in this Regulation, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000 of 9 June 2000 laying down common detailed rules for the application of

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the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products<sup>(2)</sup> and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2220/85 of 22 July 1985 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of securities for agricultural products<sup>(3)</sup> should apply to the import licences and securities provided for in this Regulation.

- (7) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2541/84 of 4 September 1984 fixing a countervailing charge on imports into the other Member States of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin produced in France<sup>(4)</sup> has become obsolete and should therefore be repealed.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

## CHAPTER I

### SCOPE

#### *Article 1*

#### **Scope**

This Regulation lays down detailed rules for implementing the Community ethyl alcohol balance and the system of import licences provided for in Regulation (EC) No 670/2003.

## CHAPTER II

### COMMUNITY BALANCE

#### *Article 2*

#### **Establishment of a Community balance**

The Commission shall establish the Community ethyl alcohol balance covering the preceding calendar year by 31 March each year at the latest. The balance, containing information about the alcohol market at Community level, shall be presented to the Management Committee for Wine in accordance with the format set out in Annex I hereto and shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

#### *Article 3*

#### **Information about ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin**

The Member States shall forward to the Commission, at the latest by the last working day of the second month following the end of the relevant period, the following information about the alcohol of agricultural origin referred to in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 670/2003:

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- (a) [<sup>F1</sup>quarterly imports from third countries broken down by Combined Nomenclature code and by origin, identified using the codes in the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade statistics of the Community laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1779/2002<sup>(5)</sup>, subject to the third paragraph of Article 9 of this Regulation;
- (b) quarterly exports to third countries, including any exports of alcohol of non-agricultural origin, subject to the third paragraph of Article 9 of this Regulation;
- (c) quarterly production, broken down by the product from which the alcohol is produced;
- (d) the volume disposed of during the previous quarter, broken down by sectors of use;
- (e) stocks held by alcohol producers in their country at the end of each year;
- (f) estimated production for the year under way, twice a year, before 28 February and 31 August respectively.]

For the purposes of point (d) of the first subparagraph, disposal shall mean the transfer of the ethyl alcohol from an alcohol producer or an importer with a view to its processing or packaging.

The figures notified shall be expressed in hectolitres of pure alcohol.

The Member States may provide for declaration schemes to ensure the collection of the information referred to in points (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the first subparagraph.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 74/2010 of 26 January 2010 amending Regulations \(EC\) No 2336/2003, \(EC\) No 341/2007, \(EC\) No 1580/2007 and \(EC\) No 376/2008 as regards the conditions for and the form of notifications to be made to the Commission.](#)

### *Article 4*

#### **Information about alcohol of non-agricultural origin**

The Member States shall forward to the Commission at the latest by the last working day of the second month following the end of the relevant period, the following information about the alcohol of non-agricultural origin referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of Regulation (EC) No 670/2003:

- (a) quarterly production, broken down by synthetic alcohol and other types of alcohol where applicable;
- (b) [<sup>F1</sup>quarterly imports from third countries;
- (c) quarterly exports to third countries;]
- (d) the volume disposed of during the previous quarter, broken down by synthetic alcohol and other types of alcohol where applicable;
- (e) stocks held by alcohol producers at the end of the year, broken down by synthetic alcohol and other types of alcohol where applicable.

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For the purposes of point (d) of the first subparagraph, ‘volume disposed of’ shall mean the quantities of alcohol sold on the Community market by the production industry.

[<sup>F1</sup>The figures notified shall be expressed in hectolitres of pure alcohol.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by Commission Regulation (EU) No 74/2010 of 26 January 2010 amending Regulations (EC) No 2336/2003, (EC) No 341/2007, (EC) No 1580/2007 and (EC) No 376/2008 as regards the conditions for and the form of notifications to be made to the Commission.

## CHAPTER III

### IMPORT LICENCES

#### Article 5

#### Issue of licences

[<sup>F21</sup> The products for which an import licence shall be presented are laid down in Article 1(2)(a) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 376/2008<sup>(6)</sup>. The period of validity of the import licence and the amount of the security to be lodged in accordance with Title III of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2220/85<sup>(7)</sup> shall be as set out in Annex II, Part I, to Regulation (EC) No 376/2008.]

2 Regulation (EC) No 1291/2000 shall apply to the licences referred to in this Chapter.

3 [<sup>X1</sup>Applications for import licences and import licences for alcohol of agricultural origin] shall be marked in box 8 with the name of the country of origin. The box ‘compulsory: yes’ must be ticked. At the request of the applicant, the administration which issued the licence may replace the country of origin, once only, by another country.

4 The Member States may decided that the import price (CIF) of the alcohol must be indicated in box 20.

#### Editorial Information

- X1** Substituted by Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2336/2003 of 30 December 2003 introducing certain detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 670/2003 laying down specific measures concerning the market in ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin (Official Journal of the European Union L 346 of 31 December 2003).

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Substituted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 514/2008 of 9 June 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 376/2008 laying down common detailed rules for the application of the system of import and export licences and advance fixing certificates for agricultural products, as well as Regulations (EC) No 1439/95, (EC) No 245/2001, (EC) No 2535/2001, (EC) No 1342/2003, (EC) No 2336/2003, (EC) No 1345/2005, (EC) No 2014/2005, (EC) No 951/2006, (EC) No 1918/2006, (EC) No 341/2007 (EC) No 1002/2007, (EC) No 1580/2007 and (EC) No 382/2008 and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1119/79.

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### *F3 Article 6*

#### **[F3 Period of validity]**

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#### **Textual Amendments**

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### *Article 7*

#### **Notifications relating to import licences**

- 1 The Member States shall report to the Commission each Thursday, or the first working day following if the Thursday is a public holiday, the quantities of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 670/2003 for which import licences have been issued during the previous week broken down by Combined Nomenclature code and by country of origin.
- 2 If a Member State considers that the quantities for which import licences have been requested in that Member State risk disturbing the market, that Member State shall immediately inform the Commission giving the quantities by types of product concerned. The Commission shall examine the situation and shall inform the Member States thereof.

### *F3 Article 8*

#### **[F3 Securities]**

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#### **Textual Amendments**

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## CHAPTER IV

### FINAL PROVISIONS

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Article 9*

The notifications to the Commission referred to in Articles 3, 4 and 7 of this Regulation shall be made in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 792/2009<sup>(8)</sup>.

All notifications shall include nil returns.

The notifications referred to in points (a) and (b) of the first paragraph of Article 3 shall only be made at the request of the Commission, addressed to the Member States via the information system in place.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Substituted by Commission Regulation (EU) No 74/2010 of 26 January 2010 amending Regulations (EC) No 2336/2003, (EC) No 341/2007, (EC) No 1580/2007 and (EC) No 376/2008 as regards the conditions for and the form of notifications to be made to the Commission.

#### *Article 10*

#### **Repeal**

Regulation (EEC) No 2541/84 is hereby repealed.

#### *Article 11*

#### **Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2004.

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

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## ANNEX I

	Balance of ethyl alcohol in the Community			Quantity (hectolitres of pure alcohol)
<b>1</b>	<b>Initial stock</b>			
1.1	Agricultural origin			
1.2	Non-agricultural origin			
<b>2</b>	<b>Production</b>			
2.1	Agricultural origin			
2.2	Non-agricultural origin			
<b>3</b>	<b>Imports</b>			
3.1	0 % duty	agricultural origin		
3.2	Reduced duty			
3.3	100 % duty			
3.4	0 % duty	non-agricultural origin		
3.5	Reduced duty			
3.6	100 % duty			
<b>4</b>	<b>Total resources</b>			
<b>5</b>	<b>Exports</b>			
<b>6</b>	<b>Domestic use</b>			
		Alcohol of agricultural origin	Alcohol of non-agricultural origin	Total
6.1	Food use			
6.2	Industrial use			
6.3	Fuels			
6.4	Other			
<b>7</b>	<b>Final stocks</b>			
	Agricultural origin			
	Non-agricultural origin			

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**F4** Deleted by Commission Regulation (EU) No 74/2010 of 26 January 2010 amending Regulations (EC) No 2336/2003, (EC) No 341/2007, (EC) No 1580/2007 and (EC) No 376/2008 as regards the conditions for and the form of notifications to be made to the Commission.

[F<sup>4</sup> .....]

## ANNEX III

Volume of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin  
disposed of, as referred to in point (d) of Article 3

Member State:		Period:
		Date of report:
	Use of the alcohol	Quantity disposed of (in hectolitres of pure alcohol)
Food use	Food preparations	
	Alcoholic beverages	
Industrial uses		
Fuels		
Other		
Total		



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#### ANNEX IV

##### Stocks of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin, as referred to in point (e) of Article 3

Member State:		Year:
		Date of report:
	Holders	Quantity in stock (in hectolitres of pure alcohol)
	Alcohol producers	
	Public bodies	
	Total	

#### ANNEX V

##### Estimated production of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin for the current year, as referred to in point (f) of Article 3

Member State:		Period:
		Date of report:
	Origin of the alcohol	Estimated quantity (in hectolitres of pure alcohol)
	Cereals	
	Molasses/beet	
	Wine sector products	
	Potatoes	
	Fruit	
	Other	
	Total	

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## ANNEX VI

## Production, disposal and stocks of ethyl alcohol of non-agricultural origin, as referred to in points (a), (d) and (e) of Article 4

Member State:		Period:		
		Date of report:		
Zone	Type of alcohol	Production	Disposal	Stocks
	Synthetic			
	Other			

## ANNEX VII

## Imports of ethyl alcohol of non-agricultural origin, as referred to in point (b) of Article 4

Member State:		Period:	
		Date of report:	
	Imports		Quantity imported (in hectolitres of pure alcohol)
	CN code	Country of origin	
	Total		

<sup>F4</sup>ANNEX VIII[<sup>F4</sup>Address to which reports should be sent, as referred to in Article 9][<sup>F4</sup>.....]

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- (1) OJ L 97, 15.4.2003, p. 6.
- (2) OJ L 152, 24.6.2000, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 325/2003 (OJ L 47, 21.2.2003, p. 21).
- (3) OJ L 205, 3.8.1985, p. 5. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1932/1999 (OJ L 240, 10.9.1999, p. 11).
- (4) OJ L 238, 6.9.1984, p. 16. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3826/85 (OJ L 371, 31.12.1985, p. 1).
- (5) [<sup>F1</sup>OJ L 269, 5.10.2002, p. 6.]
- (6) [<sup>F2</sup>OJ L 114, 26.4.2008, p. 3.]
- (7) OJ L 205, 3.8.1985, p. 5.]
- (8) [<sup>F1</sup>OJ L 228, 1.9.2009, p. 3.]

#### Textual Amendments

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