

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2818/79  
of 11 December 1979**

**fixing the activating prices for table wines for the period 16 December 1979 to  
15 December 1980**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European  
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No  
337/79 of 5 February 1979 on the common organiza-  
tion of the market in wine<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by  
Regulation (EEC) No 2594/79<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular  
Article 3 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,  
Whereas an activating price must be fixed annually  
for each type of wine for which a guide price is fixed,  
taking into consideration the factors set out in Article  
3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79;

Whereas the quality of the 1979/80 harvest can gener-  
ally be regarded as average;

Whereas the current prices for R I and R II table  
wines are very close to the activating price; whereas,  
however, the prices for A I table wines have been  
consistently lower than the activating price for the last  
five years, with the exception of a short period at the  
end of 1977 and sporadic increases during the  
1978/79 wine year; whereas, during the last wine year,  
the prices for A II and A III table wines settled at a  
level above their respective activating prices, as a  
consequence of the very limited availability of such  
wines;

Whereas, as a result of the far more plentiful harvest  
than in the previous wine year, the quantity available  
is considerably greater than that recorded for the  
1978/79 wine year;

Whereas the level of the activating prices must take  
account of the factors mentioned above; whereas the  
activating prices fixed for the previous wine year  
should therefore be increased, without, however,  
encouraging production;

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

Done at Brussels, 11 December 1979.

Whereas the different trends on the markets in red  
and white wines justify the introduction of selectivity  
in fixing activating prices and in particular an increase  
in the activating prices for white wines of less than  
that adopted for red wines and that adopted by the  
Council for the guide prices;

Whereas the guide prices for the period 16 December  
1979 to 15 December 1980 were fixed by Regulation  
(EEC) No 1615/79<sup>(3)</sup>; whereas Article 3 (3) of Regula-  
tion (EEC) No 337/79 provides that the activating  
price shall be fixed at the same stage and shall be  
valid during the same period as the guide price;  
whereas Regulation (EEC) No 340/79<sup>(4)</sup> determined  
the types of table wine to which these prices apply,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

The activating prices for table wines for the period 16  
December 1979 to 15 December 1980 are hereby  
fixed as follows:

Type of wine	Activating price
R I	2.36 ECU/% vol/hl
R II	2.36 ECU/% vol/hl
R III	36.84 ECU/hl
A I	2.17 ECU/% vol/hl
A II	48.14 ECU/hl
A III	54.98 ECU/hl

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 16  
December 1979.

*For the Council*

*The President*

G. MARCORA

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 297, 24. 11. 1979, p. 4.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 190, 28. 9. 1979, p. 10.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 54, 5. 3. 1979, p. 60.