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**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2611/97**  
**of 15 December 1997**  
**amending Regulation (EEC) No 2390/89 laying down general rules for the import**  
**of wines, grape juice and grape must**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 70 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 1 (2) and Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2390/89 <sup>(2)</sup>, provides for import facilities for wine products originating in third countries which offer specific guarantees through the provision of a certificate of origin and conformity and an analysis report; whereas Article 3 (2) of that Regulation limits those facilities to a trial period expiring on 31 December 1997; whereas, taking into account the time necessary to examine the

implementation of future arrangements, the abovementioned period should be extended until 31 December 1998,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2390/89, the date '31 December 1997' is hereby replaced by '31 December 1998'.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 December 1997.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2087/97 (OJ L 292, 25. 10. 1997, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 232, 9. 8. 1989, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 127/97 (OJ L 24, 25. 1. 1997, p. 1).