Market in wine: reform of the common organisation of the market COM

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After voting on 178 amendments, the European Parliament gave its opinion on the reform of the market in wine, taking over the key points of the compromise proposed by its rapporteur, Mr Fantuzzi, and thus amending the Commission's draft. The EP's resolution: - clarified the elements to be taken into account when defining the Community reference quantity, constituting a target for gradually restoring the balance on the wine market (average historic production over the last ten years, with the exception of anomalous years; consumption patterns; import-export balance; development of new markets; processing to obtain other products; requirements of the industry making alcohol for food use); - pointed out that in order to meet the targets set for the adjustment period of five years with a view to restoring the balance on the market, it was important to: safeguard producers' incomes; safeguard the wine industry and regional wine production traditions; ensure the environmental and social protection of the less-favoured areas; - called for the regional reference targets to be updated each year on the basis of the regional adjustment programmes and the market outlets for regional wines; - called for the implementation of measures to meet the problems associated with the change of generations and the establishment of young farmers, such as the establishment of a regional planting rights fund; - called for a report to be submitted to the Council and the EP on the assessments at the end of the third year of execution of the regional programmes; - introduced a new article to ensure that the Community prohibited all imports of grape must from third countries; - introduced a new article on preventive and voluntary distillation of table wines and wines suitable for yielding table wines at the beginning of each wine year; - called for information for consumers promoting the cultural, historical and dietetic value of wine and encouraging the moderate consumption of wine; education aimed at young people; targeted market research in the new Member States of the Union; the establishment of a tax environment favourable to wine consumption in the Community countries; - called for the calculation of amounts for grubbing premiums to be modified; - called for the establishment of a "Community" vineyard register, rather than a "simplified" vineyard register as proposed by the Commission.