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- on page 10, Recital 28 should read:

- (28) The maintenance of vineyards, which are the most widespread type of cultivation in the regions of Madeira and the Canary Islands and a very important one for the Azores, is an economic, **social** and environmental imperative. To help support production, ~~neither~~ the abandonment premiums, ~~nor~~ the market mechanisms **and, in the case of the Canary Islands, the planting rights system,** provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 should ***not*** be applicable in these regions, but nonetheless, in the Canary Islands, it should be

possible to apply crisis distillation measures in the event of exceptional market disturbance arising from quality problems. Similarly, technical and socio-economic difficulties have prevented complete conversion, within the time limits established, of the areas in the regions of Madeira and the Azores under vines of hybrid varieties prohibited by Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007. The wine produced by such vineyards is intended solely for traditional local consumption.
