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REGULATION (EEC) No 2501/71 OF THE COMMISSION

of 22 November 1971

amending Regulation No 785/67/EEC on the buying-in of olive oil by intervention agencies

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC[1] of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2554/70,[2] and in particular Article 11 (5) thereof;

Whereas Commission Regulation No 785/67/EEC[3] of 30 October 1967 on the buying-in of olive oil by intervention agencies, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2214/70,[4] fixed the minimum quantities which the intervention agency will accept, taking into account the proportions of the various qualities represented in total virgin olive oil production and of the structure of the olive and olive residue processing industry;

Whereas since the intervention price is fixed at the wholesale stage, those minimum quantities should be altered by fixing them at a level which is as close as possible to the quantities which are traded at that stage;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 (2) of Regulation No 785/67/EEC, a special price increase may be granted for extra and fine virgin olive oil having certain special organoleptic characteristics; whereas the production of these oils is very limited; whereas, moreover, for fine virgin oils the characteristics indicated above are liable to deteriorate in a relatively short period; whereas, consequently, the special price increase should be discontinued;

Whereas experience has shown that certain variations have occurred in the differences in prices recorded on the market between various qualities of oil; whereas, consequently, the Annex to the Regulation referred to above should be amended to take account of these variations;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Oils and Fats;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following shall be substituted for Article 2 of Regulation No 785/67/EEC:

'Any holder of the olive oil referred to in Article 1 originating in the Community shall be entitled to offer that oil to the intervention agency.

The quantities offered must be at least:

— 500 kilogrammes, if the oil offered is of one of the qualities defined in 1 (a) or (b) of the Annex to Regulation No 136/66/EEC;

— 1000 kilogrammes, if the oil offered is of the quality defined in 1 (c) of that Annex;

— 2000 kilogrammes, if the oil offered is of the quality defined in 1 (d) of that Annex or if the quantity offered is divided into two or more parts of different qualities which are defined in 1 of that Annex;

— 5000 kilogrammes, if the oil offered is of the quality defined in 4 of that Annex.'

Article 2

The Annex to this Regulation shall be substituted for the Annex to Regulation No 785/67/EEC.

[1] OJ No L 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66.
[2] OJ No L 275, 19.12.1970, p. 5.
[3] OJ No 264, 31.10.1967, p. 11.
[4] OJ No L 240, 31.10.1970, p. 67.

Article 3

Article 3 (2) and the second paragraph of Article 8 of Regulation No 785/67/EEC shall be deleted.

Article 4

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

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

Done at Brussels, 22 November 1971.

For the Commission

The President

Franco M. MALFATTI

ANNEX

Description and quality within the meaning of the Annex to Regulation No 136/66/EEC (the degree of acidity represents the free fatty acid content expressed as grammes of oleic acid per 100 grammes of oil)	Price increases u.a./100 kg	Price reductions u.a./100 kg
Virgin olive oil, extra	14	
Virgin olive oil, fine	7	
Virgin olive oil, semi-fine	—	—
Virgin olive oil, lampante, 1°		4·60
Virgin olive oil, lampante, 8°		11·60
Other virgin olive oils, lampante:		
— of more than 1° but less than 8° acidity		Reduction increased by 0·10 u.a. for each additional tenth of a degree of acidity
— of more than 8° acidity		Reduction increased by 0·14 u.a. for each additional tenth of a degree of acidity
Olive-residue oil 5° acidity		43·00
Other olive-residue oils		Reductions decreased or increased by 0·08 u.a. for each tenth of a degree of acidity less or more