COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 646/77
of 29 March 1977
supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 984/76 providing for a comparative test of data-collection methods for the establishment of a register of olive cultivation

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 154/75 of 21 January 1975 on the establishment of a register of olive cultivation in the Member States producing olive oil [1], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 984/76 of 29 April 1976 [2] provided for a comparative test of data-collection methods for the information referred to in Article 1 (2) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 154/75;

Whereas the setting up of this olive oil register has considerable importance both from the point of view of the proper functioning of the market organization and in order to improve agricultural statistics;

Whereas in the light of present knowledge it is impossible precisely to define the technical problems raised by the collection of the information referred to in the said Article 1 (2) (b);

Whereas, in order to facilitate this second part of the register of olive cultivation, a test should be conducted of the relevant operations; whereas additions should therefore be made to Regulation (EEC) No 984/76;

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

Regulation (EEC) No 984/76 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following paragraph is added to Article 1:

'1a. The Commission shall conduct a test regarding the collection of the information referred to in Article 1 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 154/75. The results of this test shall be examined in accordance with the same procedure as that referred to in Article 1.'

2. Article 1 (2) shall read:

'2. The texts referred to in paragraphs 1 and 1 (a) shall be conducted in Italy in an area yet to be determined.'

3. In Article 2 for 'the test referred to in Article 1' read 'the test referred to in Article 1 (1)'.

4. The following Article is added:

'*Article 2a*

The test referred to in Article 1 (1a) shall include the operations necessary for conducting a collection of the information referred to in Article 1 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 154/75.

Furthermore, this rest shall determine the time required for the execution of each of the operations concerned.'

5. Article 3 (1) shall read:

'The amount for financing the tests referred to in Article 1 shall be deducted from the amount obtained under the provisions of Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 154/75.'

6. Article 4 (1) is amended to read as follows:

'The test operations referred to in Article 2 and 2 (a) may be entrusted to third parties.'

Article 2

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, 29 March 1977.

For the Commission
Finn GUNDELACH
Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 19, 24. 1. 1975, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 113, 30. 4. 1976, p. 21.