# COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 1575/78

## of 6 July 1978

## 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 of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organization of the markets in oils and fats (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1419/78 (2), and in particular Article 11 (5) thereof,

Whereas in certain regions of the Community it has been noted over the past few months that virgin olive oil, extra, of 0·6° or less acidity is being sent into intervention ; whereas at the same time the market prices of that quality of olive oil are at the level of the market target price ;

Whereas, according to certain information, the oil sent into intervention in certain cases may not be oil which has naturally the characteristics of virgin olive oil, extra, of 0·6° acidity but may have been given these characteristics by means of special processing techniques ;

Whereas, in order to reduce the advantage of offering virgin olive oil, extra, of 0·6° acidity for intervention, pending the development of a method of analysis that could be used to guarantee the quality of oil presented for intervention, it was specified in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 503/78 of 9 March 1978 amending Regulation No 785/67/EEC on the buying in of olive oil by intervention agencies (3), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1507/78 (4), that until 31 July 1978 the price increase fixed for virgin olive oil, extra, of 1° acidity should be applied to virgin olive oil, extra, of 0·6° acidity ;

Whereas it is clear, in view of the difficulties encountered by researchers in developing a satisfactory method of analysis, that no method will be available for use in the near future ;

Whereas in these circumstances, in order to limit the risk of fraud, oil should not be admitted to intervention except at a stage that will guarantee that it has not been subjected to special treatment of any kind ; whereas this may be attained by restricting the right to offer olive oil for intervention to producers ; whereas a definition of 'producers of olive oil' must consequently be laid down in Commission Regulation No 785/67/EEC of 30 October 1967 on the buying in of olive oil by intervention agencies (5), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 503/78 ;

Whereas the Annex to Regulation No 785/67/EEC sets out the price increases and reductions to be used to adjust the buying-in price in accordance with the value of the particular quality of oil offered for intervention ;

Whereas experience has shown that certain variations have occurred in the price differences recorded on the market between different qualities of oil ; whereas consequently the Annex to the said Regulation 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 first paragraph of Article 2 of Regulation No 785/67/EEC is amended to read as follows :

*'Article 2*

Olive oil originating in the Community and meeting the requirements set out in Article 1 may be offered to the intervention agency by any natural or legal person who proves to the satisfaction of the intervention agency that he is its first owner.'

(1) OJ No 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.
(2) OJ No L 171, 28. 6. 1978, p. 8.
(3) OJ No L 68, 10. 3. 1978, p. 17.
(4) OJ No L 178, 1. 7. 1978, p. 46.
(5) OJ No 264, 31. 10. 1967, p. 11.

*Article 2*

The Annex to Regulation No 785/67/EEC is replaced by the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 3*

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

It shall apply, with the exception of Article 2, from 1 August 1978.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 July 1978.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*

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*ANNEX*

| Description and quality as defined in the Annex to Regulation No 136/66/EEC (the degree of acidity represents the free fatty acid content, expressed as grams of oleic acid per 100 grams of oil) | Price increase u.a/100 kg | Price reduction u.a./100 kg |
|---|---|---|
| Virgin olive oil, extra : 0·6° or less acidity | 28 | |
| Virgin olive oil, extra : more than 0·6° up to and including 1° acidity | 16 | — |
| Virgin olive oil, fine | 10 | |
| Virgin olive oil, semi-fine | — | — |
| Virgin olive oil, lampante 1° | | 5 |
| Virgin olive oil, lampante 8° | | 12 |
| Other virgin olive oils, lampante : | | |
| — More than 1°, up to and including 8° acidity | | Reduction increased by 0·10 u.a. for each additional tenth of a degree of acidity |
| — More than 8° acidity | | Reduction increased by 0·14 u.a. for each additional tenth of a degree of acidity |
| Olive oil from olive residues, 5° acidity | | 56 |
| Other olive oils from olive residues | | Reduction increased or decreased by 0·10 u.a. for each tenth of a degree by which the acidity increases or decreases |