COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 3132/78

of 28 December 1978

amending Annex VIII to Regulation (EEC) No 1058/77 on the characteristics of olive oil and of certain products containing olive oil

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 market in oils and fats (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1562/78 (2), and in particular Articles 14 (4) and 20 (3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2749/78 of 23 November 1978 on trade in oils and fats between the Community and Greece (3), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 3 (4) and Article 10 thereof,

Whereas in Annex VIII to Regulation (EEC) No 1058/77 (4), dealing with testing for the presence of other oils in olive oil by analysis of the sterol fraction of the oil or fat, section D, under the 'Procedure' heading, 'Reporting of results', covers only determination of the β-sitosterol content of the sterol fraction analysed ;

Whereas in the opinion of the expert chemists recently consulted determination of the β-sitosterol content is not enough to guarantee that an olive oil has not been mixed with other types of oil ; whereas to guarantee this it is indispensable also to set maximum contents for other sterols in the sterol fraction analysed ; whereas Annex VIII to Regulation (EEC) No 1058/77 should consequently be amended ;

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

Section D under the heading 'Procedure' in Annex VIII to Regulation (EEC) No 1058/77 shall read as follows :

'D. **Reporting of results :**

1. In interpreting the composition of the sterol fraction analysed, ignore any peaks having different retention times from those determined experimentally for the six sterols mentioned above.

   The percentage β-sitosterol content is given by the formula :

$$\frac{\text{Area of the β-sitosterol peak}}{\text{Sum of the areas of the six sterol peaks}} \times 100$$

2. The analysis of the sterol fraction must yield the following results :

   (a) the β-sitosterol content is not less than 93 % ;

   (b) neither the cholesterol nor Δ 7-stigmasterol contents are more than 0·5 % ;

   (c) the campesterol content is not more than 4 % ;

   (d) the stigmasterol content is lower than the campesterol content.'

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1979.

(1) OJ No 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.
(2) OJ No L 185, 7. 7. 1978, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 331, 28. 11. 1978, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 128, 24. 5. 1977, p. 6.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 December 1978.

For the Commission

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