COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 349/92

of 13 February 1992

fixing the minimum levies on the importation of olive oil and levies on the importation of other olive oil sector products

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal,

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 1720/91 [2], and in particular Article 16 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1514/76 of 24 June 1976 on imports of olive oil originating in Algeria [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 728/91 [4], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1521/76 of 24 June 1976 on imports of olive oil originating in Morocco [5], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 729/91 [6], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1508/76 of 24 June 1976 on imports of olive oil originating in Tunisia [7], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 413/86 [8], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1180/77 of 17 May 1977 on imports into the Community of certain agricultural products originating in Turkey [9], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 730/91 [10], and in particular Article 10 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1620/77 of 18 July 1977 laying down detailed rules for the importation of olive oil from Lebanon [11],

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 3131/78 [12], as amended by the Act of Accession of Greece, the Commission decided to use the tendering procedure to fix levies on olive oil;

Whereas Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2751/78 of 23 November 1978 laying down general rules for fixing the import levy on olive oil by tender [13] specifies that the minimum levy rate shall be fixed for each of the products concerned on the basis of the situation on the world market and the Community market and of the levy rates indicated by tenderers;

Whereas, in the collection of the levy, account should be taken of the provisions in the Agreements between the Community and certain third countries; whereas in particular the levy applicable for those countries must be fixed, taking as a basis for calculation the levy to be collected on imports from the other third countries;

Whereas, with regard to Turkey and the Maghreb countries, the provisions of this Regulation should be without prejudice to the additional amount to be determined in accordance with the agreements between the Community and these third countries;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 101 (1) of Council Decision 91/482/EEC of 25 July 1991 on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community [14], no levies shall apply on products originating in the overseas countries and territories; whereas, however, pursuant to Article 101 (4) of the abovementioned Decision, a special amount shall be charged on imports of certain products originating in the overseas countries and territories in order to prevent products originating from these countries and territories from receiving more favourable treatment than similar products imported from Spain or Portugal into the Community as constituted on 31 December 1985;

Whereas application of the rules recalled above to the levy rates indicated by tenderers on 10 and 11 February 1992 leads to the minimum levies being fixed as indicated in Annex I to this Regulation;

Whereas the import levy on olives falling within 29 codes 0709 90 39 and 0711 20 90 and on products falling within CN codes 1522 00 31, 1522 00 39 and 2306 90 19 must be calculated from the minimum levy applicable on the olive oil contained in these products; whereas, however, the levy charged for olive oil may not be less than an amount equal to 8 % of the value of the imported product, such amount to be fixed at a standard rate; whereas application of these provisions leads to the levies being fixed as indicated in Annex II to this Regulation,

[1] OJ No 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.
[2] OJ No L 162, 26. 6. 1991, p. 27.
[3] OJ No L 169, 28. 6. 1976, p. 24.
[4] OJ No L 80, 27. 3. 1991, p. 1.
[5] OJ No L 169, 28. 6. 1976, p. 43.
[6] OJ No L 80, 27. 3. 1991, p. 2.
[7] OJ No L 169, 28. 6. 1976, p. 9.
[8] OJ No L 48, 26. 2. 1986, p. 1.
[9] OJ No L 142, 9. 6. 1977, p. 10.
[10] OJ No L 80, 27. 3. 1991, p. 3.
[11] OJ No L 181, 21. 7. 1977, p. 4.
[12] OJ No L 370, 30. 12. 1978, p. 60.
[13] OJ No L 331, 28. 11. 1978, p. 6.
[14] OJ No L 263, 19. 9. 1991, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The minimum levies on olive oil imports are fixed in Annex I.

Article 2

The levies applicable on imports of other olive oil sector products are fixed in Annex II.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on 14 February 1992.

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

Done at Brussels, 13 February 1992.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Minimum import levies on olive oil (1)

(ECU/100 kg)

CN code	Non-member countries
1509 10 10	72,00 (2)
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1509 90 00	83,00 (3)
1510 00 10	77,00 (2)
1510 00 90	122,00 (4)

(1) No levy applies to OCT originating products according to Article 101 (1) of Decision 91/482/EEC. However, an amount equal to the amount fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 3148/91 is to be levied in accordance with Article 101 (4) of the abovementioned Decision.

(2) For imports of oil falling within this CN code and produced entirely in one of the countries listed below and transported directly from any of those countries to the Community, the levy to be collected is reduced by :

(a) Lebanon : ECU 0,60 per 100 kg ;

(b) Turkey : ECU 11,48 per 100 kg (*) provided that the operator furnishes proof of having paid the export tax applied by that country ; however, the repayment may not exceed the amount of the tax in force ;

(c) Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco : ECU 12,69 per 100 kg (*) provided that the operator furnishes proof of having paid the export tax applied by that country ; however, the repayment may not exceed the amount of the tax in force.

(*) These amounts may be increased by an additional amount to be determined by the Community and the third countries in question.

(3) For imports of oil falling within this CN code :

(a) produced entirely in Algeria, Morocco or Tunisia and transported directly from any of those countries to the Community, the levy to be collected is reduced by ECU 3,86 per 100 kg ;

(b) produced entirely in Turkey and transported directly from that country to the Community, the levy to be collected is reduced by ECU 3,09 per 100 kg.

(4) For imports of oil falling within this CN code :

(a) produced entirely in Algeria, Morocco or Tunisia and transported directly from any of those countries to the Community, the levy to be collected is reduced by ECU 7,25 per 100 kg ;

(b) produced entirely in Turkey and transported directly from that country to the Community, the levy to be collected is reduced by ECU 5,80 per 100 kg.

ANNEX II

Import levies on other olive oil sector products (1)

(ECU/100 kg)

CN code	Non-member countries
0709 90 39	15,84
0711 20 90	15,84
1522 00 31	36,00
1522 00 39	57,60
2306 90 19	6,16

(1) No levy applies to OCT originating products according to Article 101 (1) of Decision 91/482/EEC. However, an amount equal to the amount fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 3148/91 is to be levied in accordance with Article 101 (4) of the abovementioned Decision.