COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1163/97

of 26 June 1997

amending Regulation (EC) No 2146/95 on the transitional adjustment of the special arrangements for imports of olive oil originating in Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey with a view to implementing the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and derogating from Council Regulations (EEC) No 1514/76, (EEC) No 1620/77, (EEC) No 1521/76, (EEC) No 1508/76 and (EEC) No 1180/77

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 of 22 December 1994 on the adjustments and transitional arrangements required in the agricultural sector in order to implement the agreements concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1161/97 [2], and in particular Article 3 (1) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2146/95 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2388/96 [4], adjusts the special arrangements for the importation of olive oil from certain countries in order to take account of the replacement of variable levies by fixed customs duties as a result of the conclusion of the Uruguay Round;

Whereas the period for taking transitional measures was extended to 30 June 1998 by Council Regulation (EC) No 1161/97 extending the period for taking the transitional measures necessary in the agricultural sector for implementation of the agreements concluded under the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations; whereas, pending the adoption by the Council of a definitive measure, the measures provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2146/95 should be extended to 30 June 1998;

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 (EC) No 2146/95 is hereby amended as follows:

1. in article 1, '30 June 1997' is replaced by '30 June 1998';

2. in Article 6, '30 June 1997' is replaced by '30 June 1998'.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 26 June 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.
[2] See page 1 of this Official Journal.
[3] OJ No L 215, 9. 9. 1995, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 326, 17. 12. 1996, p. 22.