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COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) …/...

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amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards marketing standards for olive oil

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 of 29 July 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards marketing standards for olive oil, and repealing Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2568/91 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 29/2012 lays down rules on the characteristics of the olive oils referred to in Part VIII, points 1 to 6, of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013. Limit values for the characteristics of olive oil set out in Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 are set in accordance with the IOC Trade Standard applying to olive oil and olive pomace oil (IOC Trade Standard). The IOC Trade Standard changed with regard to one chemical parameter, total sterol content for a monovarietal olive oil, and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 should be amended accordingly.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

Consultations involved experts from all the 27 Member States during X meetings of the Expert Group for agricultural markets, in particular concerning aspects falling under the single CMO regulation; Subgroup: Arable Crops and Olive Oil, taking place in September and October 2026. The draft was agreed at the meeting of X 2026. The draft versions of the present act were transmitted to the European Parliament and to the Council.

In addition, a general public consultation was carried out through the publication of the draft delegated regulation on the Better Regulation Portal from [*dates to be inserted*]. WTO partners were notified.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The act introduces a new variety, Coratina, in the article on labelling monovarietal olive oils and amends Annex I of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 with regard to the chemical parameter total sterol content for extra virgin olive oil obtained from the Coratina variety.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007[1], and in particular Article 75(2), thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104[2] lays down rules on the characteristics of the olive oils referred to in Part VIII, points 1 to 6, of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.

(2) The limit values for the characteristics of olive oil laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 reflect the trade standard applying to olive oil and olive pomace oil of the International Olive Council (IOC)[3] ('IOC Trade Standard').

(3) There has been an increase in the number of monovarietal extra virgin olive oils placed on the market as a result of changes in production practices and consumer preferences. Although these oils are authentic and of a high quality, some do not meet the required limit for total sterol content which is influenced mostly by the olive variety, as well as by other factors such as degree of olive ripeness, geographical area and irrigation.

(4) The IOC is currently carrying out a study on total sterol content in extra virgin olive oil. While this study is ongoing, the International Olive Council has provided as an intermediate solution by adopting an amendment to the IOC Trade Standard that lowers the limit of total sterol in extra virgin olive oils obtained from the Coratina variety. That amendment allows producers to place those single variety oils on the market.

(5) At its 123rd IOC session which took place on 30 June 2026, the IOC adopted Decision DEC-III.4/123-VI/2026 amending the IOC Trade Standard as regards the total sterol content in monovarietal olive oils from the Coratina variety. The Union voted in favour of this amendment, in accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2026/711[4].

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1 OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1308/oj.

2 Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 of 29 July 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards marketing standards for olive oil, and repealing Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2568/91 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 29/2012 (OJ L 284, 4.11.2022, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/2104/oj).

3 https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/what-we-do/chemistry-standardisation-unit/standards-and-methods/.

4 Council Decision (EU) 2026/711 of 16 March 2026 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Council of Members of the International Olive Council (IOC) as regards the trade

(6) In order to ensure the implementation at Union level of the most recent international standard established by the IOC on the limit value for the parameter total sterol content in monovarietal extra virgin olive oils from the Coratina variety, Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 should be amended accordingly to reflect that implementation.

(7) As a different limit will apply, it is important that both consumers and control authorities can easily identify a monovarietal extra virgin olive oil obtained from the Coratina variety.

(8) Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 8a is replaced by the following:

‘Article 8a

Variety

The labelling of extra virgin olive oil made solely from either the Coratina, the Koroneiki or the Nocellara del Belice variety shall indicate that variety on the label, on the accompanying documents and any other labelling.’

(2) Annex I is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

standard for olive oils and olive pomace oils and a new method of analysis for determining the peroxide value in such oils (OJ L, 2026/711, 20.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2026/711/oj).