

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL  
EXTENDING THE 1977/78 MARKETING YEAR FOR OLIVE OIL, PRO-  
VIDING FOR SPECIAL MEASURES IN THE OLIVE OIL SECTOR AND  
AMENDING REGULATION (EEC) n° 878/77 AS REGARDS THE EXCHANGE  
RATES TO BE APPLIED IN AGRICULTURE

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(Submitted by the Commission to the Council)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

A Commission proposal has been referred to the Council, which would extend the 1977/78 olive oil marketing year, which finishes on 31 October 1978, by one month and therefore postpone the date for the start of the 1978/79 marketing year until 1 December 1978.

The extension of the 1977/78 marketing year, by delaying the application of the new agricultural prices and representative rates would involve a loss for oil producers on the production marketed during the period of the extension referred to above.

To remedy this, it seemed desirable to make an addition to the Commission proposal on the extension of the 1977/78 marketing year by providing that the new agricultural representative rates should apply from 1 November 1978, the normal date for the olive oil marketing year to start, as this will compensate, as least partially, for the loss referred to above.

However, the prices already agreed by the Council for the 1978/79 marketing year would apply only from 1 December 1978.

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proposal for a  
REGULATION (EEC)                      OF THE COUNCIL

extending the 1977/78 marketing year for olive oil, providing for special measures in the olive oil sector and amending Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 as regards the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 129 on the value of the unit of account and the exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2543/73<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1562/78<sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Article 36 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 162/66/EEC of 27 October 1966 on trade in oils and fats between the Community and Greece<sup>(5)</sup>, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas pursuant to Article 4 (3) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC the olive oil marketing year begins on 1 November of each year; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1562/78 amended certain aspects, from 1 November 1978, of the common organization of the market in olive oil;

Whereas it is not possible to adopt in time all the provisions needed to implement the new arrangements; whereas the 1977/78 marketing year should therefore be extended for the period strictly necessary for the adoption of these provisions and the implementation of the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1562/78 accordingly postponed;

Whereas, during the period by which the marketing year is extended, the situation which existed in October 1978 should be maintained;

Whereas pending the implementation of the new arrangements regarding the import levy, the possibility should be provided of maintaining during November 1978 the system of the levy fixed by tendering procedure provided for by Council Regulations (EEC) No 2843/76 and No 2844/76 of 23 November 1976<sup>(6)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) 2361/77<sup>(7)</sup>,

(1) OJ No 106, 30.10.1962, p. 2553/62

(2) OJ No 263, 19.9.1973, p. 1

(3) OJ No 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66

(4) OJ No L 185, 7.7.1978, p. 1

(5) OJ No L 197, 29.19.1966, p. 3313/66

(6) OJ No L 327, 26.11.1976, p. 4

(7) OJ No L 277, 29.10.1977, p. 2

Whereas Article 2a of Council Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 of 28 April 1977 on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture<sup>(8)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 976/78<sup>(9)</sup>, provided that the new representative rates for the currencies of the Member States for olive oil should be applicable from the beginning of the 1978/79 marketing year;

Whereas the extension of the marketing year, by delaying the application of these new rates, might have detrimental consequences for producers; whereas, to avoid this, it should be provided that these rates should apply from 1 November 1978,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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(8) OJ No L 106, 29.4.1977, p. 27

(9) OJ No L 125, 13.5.1978, P. 32

Article 1

The provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1562/78 shall apply from 1 December 1978.

Article 2

Notwithstanding Article 4 (3) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, the 1977/78 olive oil marketing year shall finish on 30 November 1978 and the 1978/79 marketing year shall begin on 1 December 1978.

Article 3

The monthly increases for October 1978 shall apply during the period by which the 1977/78 marketing year is extended.

Article 4

Notwithstanding Regulations No 136/66/EEC and No 162/66/EEC, during the period from 1 to 30 November 1978 the import levies for olive oil may be fixed in accordance with the provisions of Regulations (EEC) No 2843/76 and 2844/76.

Article 5

Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 is amended as follows:

1. Article 2a(2)(g) is amended to read as follows:

"(g) except as indicated under (h) and (i), for other products the marketing year for which has not yet commenced on the date of entry into force of this Regulation, from the beginning of the 1978/79 marketing year;"

2. A further point (i) as follows is added to Article 2a (2):

"(i) for olive oil, from 1 November 1978."

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 November 1978.

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

Done at .....

For the Council