Olive oil marketing standards – 2024 revision

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EU revises Δ-7-stigmastenol limits in olive oil

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1401 of 7 March 2024 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

Update

The EU has revised the limit values for the characteristics of Δ-7-stigmastenol for all categories of olive oil set out in Delegated Regulation 2022/2104.

Impacted products

Olive oil

What is changing?

The EU has revised the limit values for the characteristics of Δ-7-stigmastenol for all categories of olive oil set out in Delegated Regulation 2022/2104.

The revised limit values are set out in Table 1.

Why?

The International Olive Council (IOC) amended the IOC Trade Standard for olive oil and olive-pomace oil in November 2022. The EU voted in favour of this amendment (Council Decision 2022/2391) and has therefore revised the EU marketing standards for olive oil in line with the IOC standard.

Timeline

The revised limit values apply from **10 June 2024**.

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Background

Marketing standards for olive oil were previously revised in 2022. For further information see Olive oil marketing standards.

Resources

International Olive Council (2022) Trade Standard applying to olive oils and olive pomace oils

Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 as regards marketing standards for olive oil

Regulation (EU) 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products

Council Decision (EU) 2022/2391 of 25 November 2022 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Council of Members of the International Olive Council, as regards the trade standard applying to olive oils and olive-pomace oils

Sources

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1401 as regards marketing standards for olive oil

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Table 1
Olive oil purity characteristics – Δ-7-stigmastenol composition

Category of olive oil	Δ-7-stigma-stenol (%)	New footnote
Extra virgin olive oil	≤ 0.5	An extra virgin or virgin olive oil that exhibits 0.5 < Δ-7-stigmastenol % ≤ 0.8 is authentic provided that apparent β-sitosterol/campesterol ≥ 28, ΔECN42 ≤ | 0.10 | and all other parameters lie within the limits fixed in this Regulation
Virgin olive oil	≤ 0.5	
Lampante olive oil	≤ 0.5	A lampante olive oil that exhibits 0.5 < Δ-7-stigmastenol % ≤ 0.8 is authentic provided that apparent β-sitosterol/campesterol ≥ 28, ΔECN42 ≤ | 0.15 | , stigmastadiene ≤ 0.30 and all other parameters lie within the limits fixed in this Regulation
Refined olive oil	≤ 0.5	A refined olive oil or olive oil composed of refined olive oil and virgin olive oils that exhibits 0.5 < Δ-7-stigmastenol % ≤ 0.8 is authentic provided that apparent β-sitosterol/campesterol ≥ 28, ΔECN42≤ | 0.15 | and all other parameters lie within the limits fixed in this Regulation
Olive oil composed of refined olive oil and virgin olive oils	≤ 0.5	
Crude olive-pomace oil	≤ 0.5	A crude olive-pomace oil or refined olive-pomace oil or olive-pomace oil that exhibits 0.5 < Δ-7-stigmastenol % ≤ 0.8 is authentic provided that stigmasterol ≤1.4%, ΔECN42 ≤ | 0.40 | and all other parameters lie within the limits fixed in this Regulation
Refined olive-pomace oil	≤ 0.5	
Olive-pomace oil	≤ 0.5	

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