

# Olive oil marketing standards – 2024 revision

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## Regulation

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

## What is changing and why?

The EU has revised the limit values for the characteristics of  $\Delta$ -7-stigmastenol for all categories of olive oil (see Table 1) in line with the International Olive Council Trade Standard.

## Timeline

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

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## Tables & Figures

Table 1 Olive oil purity characteristics – $\Delta$ -7-stigmastenol composition		
Category of olive oil	$\Delta$ -7-stigmastenol (%)	New footnote
Extra virgin olive oil	$\leq 0.5$	An extra virgin or virgin olive oil that exhibits $0.5 < \Delta$ -7-stigmastenol % $\leq 0.8$ is authentic provided that apparent $\beta$ -sitosterol/campesterol $\geq 28$ , $\Delta$ ECN42 $\leq   0.10  $ and all other parameters lie within the limits fixed in this Regulation
Virgin olive oil	$\leq 0.5$	
Lampante olive oil	$\leq 0.5$	A lampante olive oil that exhibits $0.5 < \Delta$ -7-stigmastenol % $\leq 0.8$ is authentic provided that apparent $\beta$ -sitosterol/campesterol $\geq 28$ , $\Delta$ ECN42 $\leq   0.15  $ , stigmastadiene $\leq 0.30$ and all other parameters lie within the limits fixed in this Regulation
Refined olive oil	$\leq 0.5$	A refined olive oil or olive oil composed of refined olive oil and virgin olive oils that exhibits $0.5 < \Delta$ -7-stigmastenol % $\leq 0.8$ is authentic provided that apparent $\beta$ -sitosterol/campesterol $\geq 28$ , $\Delta$ ECN42 $\leq   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	$\leq 0.5$	
Crude olive-pomace oil	$\leq 0.5$	A crude olive-pomace oil or refined olive-pomace oil or olive-pomace oil that exhibits $0.5 < \Delta$ -7-stigmastenol % $\leq 0.8$ is authentic provided that stigmasterol $\leq 1.4\%$ , $\Delta$ ECN42 $\leq   0.40  $ and all other parameters lie within the limits fixed in this Regulation
Refined olive-pomace oil	$\leq 0.5$	
Olive-pomace oil	$\leq 0.5$	

Source: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2024/1401](#)

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