Olive oil marketing standards – 2024 revision

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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 Δ-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 – 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	
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