

Olive oil marketing standards – 2024 revision

Published by AGRINFO on 03 Jan 2024; Revised 21 May 2024

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**.

For more information see the [full record](#) on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest [AGRINFO Update](#) newsletters and [search](#) the database.

Tables & Figures

Table 1 Olive oil purity characteristics – Δ -7-stigmastenol composition		
Category of olive oil	Δ -7-stigmastenol (%)	New footnote
Extra virgin olive oil	≤ 0.5	An extra virgin or virgin olive oil that exhibits $0.5 < \Delta$ -7-stigmastenol % ≤ 0.8 is authentic provided that apparent β -sitosterol/campesterol ≥ 28 , Δ ECN42 $\leq 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 $0.5 < \Delta$ -7-stigmastenol % ≤ 0.8 is authentic provided that apparent β -sitosterol/campesterol ≥ 28 , Δ ECN42 $\leq 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 $0.5 < \Delta$ -7-stigmastenol % ≤ 0.8 is authentic provided that apparent β -sitosterol/campesterol ≥ 28 , Δ ECN42 $\leq 0.15 $ and all other parameters lie within the limits fixed in this Regulation
Crude olive-pomace oil	≤ 0.5	A crude olive-pomace oil or refined olive-pomace oil or olive-pomace oil that exhibits $0.5 < \Delta$ -7-stigmastenol % ≤ 0.8 is authentic provided that stigmasterol $\leq 1.4\%$, Δ ECN42 $\leq 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	

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

Disclaimer: Under no circumstances shall COLEAD be liable for any loss, damage, liability or expense incurred or suffered that is claimed to have resulted from the use of information available on this website or any link to external sites. The use of the website is at the user's sole risk and responsibility. This information platform was created and maintained with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents do not, however, reflect the views of the European Union.