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**COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../...**

**of 4.5.2016**

**amending Annex IX to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and  
of the Council as regards the optional reserved terms for olive oil**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products (CMO Regulation) empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts.

The purpose of this delegated act is to modify Annex IX of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 on optional terms so that they are in line with the new method for the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil amended and published by the International Olive Council (IOC).

The adoption of this delegated act does not entail financial implications.

### **2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT**

Consultations, involving experts from all the 28 Member States have been carried within the Experts Group on delegated acts under the single CMO during the meeting held on 16 February 2016 where a draft text was presented and agreed. *The draft version of the present act was transmitted to the European Parliament and to the Council when convening the Experts Group meetings.*

### **3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The act contains a single article which replaces Annex IX of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2568/91<sup>2</sup> defines the physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics of olive oil and olive-pomace oil and lays down methods of assessing those characteristics. Those methods and the limit values for the characteristics of oils are regularly updated to take account of developments in scientific and technical knowledge in line with the work carried out within the International Olive Council.
- (2) On 26 November 2015, International Olive Council adopted a new method for the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil modifying the optional terminology for labelling purposes.
- (3) The optional reserved terms are set out in Annex IX to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013.
- (4) Annex IX to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annex IX to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2568/91 of 11 July 1991 on the characteristics of olive oil and olive-residue oil and on the relevant methods of analysis (OJ L 248, 5.9.1991, p. 1).

Done at Brussels, 4.5.2016

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
*Jean-Claude JUNCKER*