

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1979/97
of 10 October 1997

fixing the estimated production of olive oil and the amount of the unit
production aid that may be paid in advance for the 1996/97 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC of
22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common
organization of the market in oils and fats⁽¹⁾, as last
amended by Regulation (EC) No 1581/96⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84
of 17 July 1984 laying down general rules on the granting
of aid for the production of olive oil and of aid to olive oil
producer organizations⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation
(EC) No 636/95⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 17a (2)
thereof,

Whereas Article 5 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides
that the unit production aid must be reduced where the
actual production in a given marketing year exceeds the
guaranteed maximum quantity fixed for that marketing
year; whereas, however, producers whose average produc-
tion does not amount to 500 kilograms of olive oil per
marketing year are not affected by such a reduction;

Whereas Article 17a of Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84
provides that in order to determine the unit amount of
the production aid for olive oil that can be paid in
advance, the estimated production for the marketing year
concerned should be determined; whereas that amount
must be fixed at a level avoiding any risk of unwarranted
payment to olive growers;

Whereas, in order to establish the estimated production,
the Member States must forward to the Commission the

data for the olive oil production estimates for each mar-
keting year; whereas the Commission may avail itself of
other sources of information;

Whereas the amount of the advance withheld for the
establishment of the register of olive cultivation provided
for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2159/92⁽⁵⁾ and the
amount withheld for measures to improve the quality of
olive oil provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No
1583/96⁽⁶⁾ must be taken into account;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are
in accordance with the opinion of the Management
Committee for Oils and Fats,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1996/97 marketing year the estimated production
shall be 1 859 400 tonnes, and the unit amount of the
production aid that may be paid in advance shall be ECU
90,32 per 100 kilograms.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its
publication in the *Official Journal of the European
Communities*.

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

Done at Brussels, 10 October 1997.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 11.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 208, 3. 8. 1984, p. 3.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 67, 25. 3. 1995, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 217, 31. 7. 1992, p. 8.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 14.