

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1217/96
of 28 June 1996**

**amending Regulation (EC) No 1477/95 laying down certain transitional measures
for the implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture as
regards olive oil**

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3290/94 of 22 December 1994 on the adjustments and transitional arrangements required in the agricultural sector in order to implement the agreements concluded during the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3 (1) thereof,

Whereas Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1477/95⁽²⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 666/96⁽³⁾, provides for a reduced rate of duty to apply to imports of olive oil during the period 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;

Whereas the period for taking transitional measures was extended to 30 June 1997 by Council Regulation (EC) No 1193/96 of 26 June 1996 extending the period for taking the transitional measures necessary in the agricultural sector for implementation of the agreements concluded under the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas the situation on the market which justified the adoption of the transitional measure provided for in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1477/95 still obtains; whereas, as a result, a reduced rate of duty should be maintained for those products up to the end of the 1995/96 marketing year; whereas the derogation provided for in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1477/95 continues

to be valid; whereas, pending the adoption by the Council of a definitive measure, those measures should be extended until 31 October 1996;

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

Regulation (EC) No 1477/95 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, '30 June 1996' is replaced by '31 October 1996'.
2. In Article 5, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

'It shall apply from 1 July 1995 to 31 October 1996.'

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 June 1996.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 145, 29. 6. 1995, p. 37.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 92, 13. 4. 1996, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ See page 1 of this Official Journal.