

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 534/1999
of 11 March 1999

fixing the ceilings on financing for measures to improve the quality of olive-oil production in the 1999/2000 production cycle

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 organisation of the market in oils and fats⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1638/98⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 528/1999 of 10 March 1999 laying down measures to improve the quality of olive-oil production⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 3(2) thereof,

Whereas Article 3(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 528/1999 provides that ceilings be fixed, for each 12-month production cycle, on financing for measures to improve the quality of olive-oil production and its environmental impact in each producer Member State;

Whereas, for the first year of application of Regulation (EC) No 528/1999 and in view of the date of its entry into force, a later deadline for drawing up the action programme for the 1999/2000 production cycle should be provided for;

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2095/98 of 30 September 1998 fixing the estimated production of olive oil and the amount of the unit production aid that may be paid in advance for the 1997/98 marketing year⁽⁴⁾ estimates production at 2 290 600 tonnes; whereas this corresponds to 1 157 000 tonnes for Spain, 422 000 tonnes for Greece, 670 000 tonnes for Italy, 39 000 tonnes for Portugal and 2 600 tonnes for France; whereas the amount withheld from production aid for this olive-oil marketing year serves as a basis for financing measures to improve the quality of the oil during the production cycle commencing on 1 May 1999;

Whereas the measures have relatively fixed minimum costs; whereas the ceilings on total financing for some Member States may therefore prove to be too low;

whereas, as a result, appropriate limits should be established for these cases;

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 production cycle from 1 May 1999 to 30 April 2000, the ceiling on financing for the measures laid down in the first subparagraph of Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) 528/1999 shall be:

— Spain:	EUR 14 039 000
— Greece:	EUR 5 846 000
— France:	EUR 49 000
— Italy:	EUR 9 081 000
— Portugal:	EUR 632 000.

Article 2

Notwithstanding Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 528/1999, the deadline for drawing up the action programme for the 1999/2000 production cycle shall be 30 April 1999.

Article 3

Notwithstanding Article 3(3) of Regulation (EC) No 528/1999, the additional national contribution from Member States whose maximum financing laid down in Article 1 is EUR 100 000 or less shall be no more than EUR 250 000.

Article 4

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 172, 30. 9. 1966, p. 3025/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 210, 28. 7. 1998, p. 32.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 62, 11. 3. 1999, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 266, 1. 10. 1998, p. 62.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 March 1999.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission
