

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2084/2004**of 6 December 2004****derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2837/93 as regards the period for paying the aid to maintain olive groves in traditional olive-growing areas in the smaller Aegean islands**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2019/93 of 19 July 1993 introducing specific measures for the smaller Aegean islands concerning certain agricultural products⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 11(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The third subparagraph of Article 2(1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2837/93 of 18 October 1993 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2019/93 with regard to the maintenance of olive groves in traditional olive-growing areas⁽²⁾ provides that the flat-rate aid per hectare to maintain olive groves in traditional olive-growing areas in the smaller Aegean islands is to be paid out during the period 16 October to 30 November each year.
- (2) In the Aegean islands, the aid might be paid using software covering the entire region concerned. This software was introduced in a pilot project in 2003 and now needs to be adjusted. For 2004, therefore, Greece

should be allowed to extend the period for payment of the flat-rate aid per hectare from 16 October 2004 until 31 January 2005 instead of 16 November as in other years.

- (3) 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

As an exception to the third subparagraph of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2837/93, Greece is hereby authorised, for 2004, to pay the flat-rate aid per hectare to maintain olive groves as provided for in Article 11(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2019/93 from 16 October 2004 until 31 January 2005.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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.

Done at Brussels, 6 December 2004.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 184, 27.7.1993, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 260, 19.10.1993, p. 5. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2384/2002 (OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 124).