

Publication of an amendment application pursuant to Article 6(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs

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AMENDMENT APPLICATION

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 510/2006

Amendment application according to Article 9 and Article 17(2)

‘OLIVES NOIRES DE NYONS’

EC No: FR/PDO/117/0374/04.11.2003

PDO (X) PGI ()

Amendment(s) requested

Heading(s) in the specification:

- Name of product
- Description of product
- Geographical area
- Proof of origin
- Method of production
- Link
- Labelling
- National requirements

Amendment(s):

Geographical area:

The words ‘The area of production covers part of the departments of Drôme and Vaucluse’ are replaced by ‘The olives must be grown and processed in the area of production comprising the territory of the following communes:

— Department of Drôme:

— Canton de Nyons: Arpavon, Aubres, Châteauneuf-de-Bordette, Condorcet, Curnier, Eyroles, Mirabel-aux-Baronnies, Montaulieu, Nyons, Le Pègue, Piégon, Les Pilles, Rousset-les-Vignes, Saint-Ferréol-Trente-Pas, Saint-Maurice-sur-Eygues, Saint-Pantaléon-les-Vignes, Venterol, Vinsobres.

— Canton de Buis-les-Baronnies: Beauvoisin, Benivay-Ollon, Buis-les-Baronnies, Eygaliers, Mérindol-les-Oliviers, Mollans-sur-Ouvèze, La Penne-sur-l’Ouvèze, Pierrelongue, Plaisians, Propiac, La Roche-sur-le-Buis, Vercoiran.

— Canton de Remuzat: Montréal-les-Sources, Saint-May, Sahune, Villeperdrix

— Canton de Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux: Tulette

⁽¹⁾ OJL 93, 31.3.2006, p. 12.

- Department of Vaucluse:
 - Canton de Malaucène: Brantes, Entrechaux, Malaucène (section AI)
 - Canton de Vaison-la-Romaine: Buisson, Cairanne, Crestet, Faucon, Puymeras, Rasteau, Roaix, Séguret, Saint-Marcellin-lès-Vaison, Saint-Romain-en-Viennois, Saint-Roman-de-Malegarde, Vaison-la-Romaine, Villedieu.
 - Canton de Valréas: Valréas, Visan

The purpose of the amendment is to withdraw 6 communes from the department of Drôme (the communes of Bouchet, Montbrison-sur-Lez, Montbrun-les-bains, Reilhanette, Rochebrune and Sainte-Jalle) and 2 communes from the department of Vaucluse (Saint-Léger-du-Ventoux et Savoillan) from the geographical area defined for the designation. The reason for this proposal is that the land in these communes is not regularly used for agricultural purposes and geological, pedological and climatic factors make it unsuitable for cultivation of the type of olive concerned.

National requirement:

To replace the expression “Décret du 10 janvier 1994” by “Décret relatif à l'appellation d'origine contrôlée Olives Noires de Nyons”.

SUMMARY

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This summary sets out the main elements of the product specification for information purposes.

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Composition: Producers/processors (X) Other ()

3. *Type of product:*

Class 1.6 — Fruit

4. *Specification*

(summary of requirements under Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 510/2006)

- 4.1 Name: 'Olives Noires de Nyons'
- 4.2 Description: The olives, measuring at least 14 mm, are a typical shade of brown and finely wrinkled.
- 5 % of the olives may measure a minimum of 13 mm.
- 4.3 Geographical area: The olives are grown and processed in the following communes of the departments of Drôme and Vaucluse.
- Department of Drôme:
 - Canton de Nyons: Arpavon, Aubres, Châteauneuf-de-Bordette, Condorcet, Curnier, Eyroles, Mirabel-aux-Baronnies, Montaulieu, Nyons, Le Pègue, Piégon, Les Pilles, Rousset-les-Vignes, Saint-Ferréol-Trente-Pas, Saint-Maurice-sur-Eygues, Saint-Pantaléon-les-Vignes, Venterol, Vinsobres.
 - Canton de Buis-les-Baronnies: Beauvoisin, Benivay-Ollon, Buis-les-Baronnies, Eygaliers, Mérindol-les-Oliviers, Mollans-sur-Ouvèze, La Penne-sur-l'Ouvèze, Pierrelongue, Plaisians, Propiac, La Roche-sur-le-Buis, Vercoiran.
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 - Department of Vaucluse:
 - Canton de Malaucène: Brantes, Entrechaux, Malaucène (section AI)
 - Canton de Vaison-la-Romaine: Buisson, Cairanne, Crestet, Faucon, Puymeras, Rasteau, Roaix, Séguret, Saint-Marcellin-lès-Vaison, Saint-Romain-en-Viennois, Saint-Roman-de-Malegarde, Vaison-la-Romaine, Villedieu.
 - Canton de Valréas: Valréas, Visan
- 4.4 Proof of origin: Olives may not be marketed under the registered designation of origin 'Olives Noires de Nyons' unless an approval certificate has been issued by the Institut national des appellations d'origine in accordance with the requirements of national legislation regarding the approval of olive products which have a registered designation of origin.
- Every part of the production process of the raw material and the preparation of the olives must take place within the geographical area defined in point 4.3.
- For the production of the raw material, the procedure requires:
- the land parcel to be identified among the list of land parcels that are suitable for the production of 'Olives Noires de Nyons', that comply with the criteria for planting olive trees and the production requirements,
 - a harvest declaration to be made annually by the olive grower, declaring the area under production, the quantity of olives produced in compliance with the specified yield and the destination of the olives (oil-mill, processing place).
- In terms of processing, the procedure requires:
- an annual manufacturing declaration made by the operator declaring the total quantity of product processed,
 - a request for an approval certificate which allows the storage area of the products and all product containers to be identified.
- The procedure is completed by a scientific analysis and taste test, carried out on each batch of olives, to ensure that the products are typical and of high quality.
- In addition, each operator, once an approval certificate has been obtained, is obliged to make a stock declaration.
- 4.5 Method of production: The olives are of the 'Tanche' variety and grown on parcels suitable for olive tree cultivation. They are harvested from the tree in November and December and then sorted. The smallest olives are used to produce oil. The bitterness is removed using traditional methods in processing facilities located in the geographical region.

4.6 Link:

- Olives have been grown in this region for thousands of years and until the beginning of the 20th century they were a very important crop. Production then declined — mainly due to competition from seed oils — and became a supplementary activity. To stop it disappearing altogether, after the severe frosts of winter 1956, producers took steps to preserve the heritage it embodied. A ruling from the Court of Valence in 1968 recognised l'Olive Noire de Nyons as a designation of origin.
- The 'tanche' is a variety typical of the region, particularly well adapted to its mixed climate. The expertise and perseverance of producers has enabled this traditional product to be maintained.

4.7 Inspection body:

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4.8 Labelling: In addition to the compulsory information provided for by legislation on labelling and the presentation of foodstuffs, registered designation of origin 'Olives Noires de Nyons' labels must include the following

- the name 'Olives Noires de Nyons';
- the words 'Appellation d'origine contrôlée' or the letters 'AOC'. If the name of a holding or a brand appears on the label independently of the address, the designation name is repeated between the words: 'appellation' and 'contrôlée'.

These details must all be in the same visual field and on the same label.

They must be in visible, indelible, sufficiently large print that stands out clearly from the rest of the information and illustrations on the label.
