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REGULATION (EEC) No 1471/68 OF THE COUNCIL
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on storage contracts for olive oil

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 136/66/EEC¹ of 22 September 1966 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats, and in particular Article 11 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas Article 11 (2) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides that the Council shall adopt provisions under which intervention agencies would be free to conclude storage contracts for Community olive oil with a view to stabilising the market during the marketing year;

Whereas provision should be made for the possibility of storage contracts being concluded over a given period as soon as the market situation makes it necessary;

Whereas, with a view to simplifying normal administration of the storage contract system, provision should be made for fixing a minimum quantity below which the intervention agency may not conclude contracts; whereas such contracts must be concluded for a period which does not exceed the length of time normally needed to reduce the effect on the market of seasonal variations in supply and demand;

Whereas, to encourage the conclusion of storage contracts, provision should be made for the payment of a premium, fixed in accordance with Article 11 (5) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, to those placing their oil in store;

Whereas the market can be stabilised if oil covered by contracts is not offered for sale during the validity of such contracts; whereas, however, pro-

vision should be made for oil to be removed from storage as soon as this is made necessary by the market situation and the level of prices;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Where the market situation and the level and trend of prices in the Community make this necessary, a decision shall be taken in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC allowing intervention agencies to propose that storage contracts be concluded over a period still to be determined.

2. Storage contracts shall be concluded, without discrimination, with those holders of olive oil who apply for them and fulfil certain conditions.

Such contracts shall be concluded only in respect of oils of qualities acceptable for intervention.

Article 2

Storage contracts shall be concluded for lots of a minimum quantity.

Such contracts shall be concluded for a period which may not exceed three months and shall be renewable.

Article 3

1. Holders of olive oil shall receive a premium when the contract expires.

2. The amount of the premium shall be fixed at a level which is sufficiently high to encourage holders of oil to conclude storage contracts.

Article 4

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 5, oil shall not be offered for sale while it is covered by a storage contract.

¹ OJ No 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66.

2. Oil covered by a storage contract shall only be subjected to such handling as is necessary to keep it in good condition.

Article 5

Where the market situation and the level of prices make this necessary, a decision shall be taken in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article

38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the conditions under which intervention agencies may authorise the withdrawal from storage of oil covered by contracts.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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, 24 September 1968.

For the Council

The President

G. SEDATI