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REGULATION (EEC) No 1896/68 OF THE COMMISSION

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amending Regulation No 785/67/EEC on the buying-in of olive oil by intervention agencies

THE COMMISSION 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 (5) thereof;

Whereas Commission Regulation No 785/67/EEC² of 30 October 1967 on the buying-in of olive oil by intervention agencies fixed the minimum quantities which intervention agencies will accept, the proportion of the various qualities represented in the total virgin olive oil production and the structure of the olive and olive-residue processing industry being taken into account;

Whereas application of the intervention system should be simplified by increasing the minimum quantities fixed by Regulation No 785/67/EEC;

Whereas, since the intervention price is fixed at the wholesale marketing stage, minimum quantities should be fixed at a level which approximates as closely as possible to the quantities which are the subject of transactions at that stage;

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

The following shall be substituted for Article 2 of Regulation No 785/67/EEC:

'Any holder of the olive oil referred to in Article 1 originating in the Community shall be entitled to offer that oil to the intervention agency.

The quantities offered must be at least:

400 kg, if the oil offered is of one of the qualities defined in 1 (a), (b) or (c) of the Annex to Regulation No 136/66/EEC;

1000 kg, if the oil offered is of the quality defined in 1 (d) of that Annex, or if the quality offered is divided into two or more parts of different qualities which are defined in (1) of that Annex;

4000 kg, if the oil offered is of the quality defined in (4) of that Annex.'

Article 2

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, 27 November 1968.

For the Commission

The President

Jean REY

¹ OJ No 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/66.

² OJ No 264, 31.10.1967, p. 11.