

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2136/89 of 21 June 1989 laying  
down common marketing standards for preserved sardines and  
trade descriptions for preserved sardines and sardine-type products

*Article 5*

For the purposes of the trade description laid down in Article 7, a distinction shall be drawn between the following covering media, with or without the addition of other ingredients:

1. olive oil;
2. other refined vegetable oils, including olive-residue oil used singly or in mixtures;
3. tomato sauce;
4. natural juice (liquid exuding from the fish during cooking), saline solution or water;
5. marinade, with or without wine;
6. any other covering medium, on condition that it is clearly distinguished from the other covering media defined in points 1 to 5.

These covering media may be mixed, but olive oil may not be mixed with other oils.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2136/89. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Regulation applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2023/959](#) reg. 4(a)Sch. 1