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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs[(1)], and in particular Article 52(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) By virtue of the first subparagraph of Article 53(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission has examined France's application for the approval of amendments to the specification for the protected designation of origin ‘Huile d'olive de Corse’/‘Huile d'olive de Corse — Oliu di Corsica’ registered under Commission Regulation (EC) No 148/2007[(2)].

(2) By letter of 18 February 2016, the French authorities notified the Commission that a transitional period under Article 15(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, ending on 31 December 2025, had been granted to twelve operators that are established on their territory and meet the conditions of that Article in accordance with the Order of 26 January 2016 on the protected designation of origin ‘Huile d'olive de Corse’/‘Huile d'olive de Corse — Oliu di Corsica’ published on 5 February 2016 in the Official Journal of the French Republic. During the national objection procedure, these operators, who legally marketed ‘Huile d'olive de Corse’/‘Huile d'olive de Corse — Oliu di Corsica’ continuously for at least the 5 years prior to the lodging of the application, lodged an objection relating to the removal of the conversion timetable for olive varieties, indicating that a period of time was needed to change the composition of their groves. The operators in question are: EARL de Marquiliani, 20270 Aghione; Arthur Antolini, 11, lotissement Orabona, 20220 Monticello; Dominique Arrighi, 20290 Lucciana; Dominique Bichon, Le Regino, 20226 Speloncato; EARL Casa Rossa, Pianiccia, 20270 Tallone; William Delamare, Domaine de Valle, 20213 Querciolo; Roselyne Hubert, Pietra Macchja, 20279 Ville di Paraso; EARL Domaine de Torraccia, 20137 Lecci; Josette Lucciardi, Domaine de Pianiccione, 20270 Antisanti; Alfred Matt, plaine de Vallecalle, 20217 Saint-Florent; Jean-Luc Mozziconacci, Albaretto, 20240 Ghisonaccia and Jean-Louis Tommasini, 20225 Avapessa.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/909. (See end of Document for details)*

(3) Since the amendments in question are not minor within the meaning of Article 53(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission published the amendment application in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as required by Article 50(2)(a) of that Regulation[(3)].

(4) As no statement of opposition under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 has been received by the Commission, the amendments to the specification should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The amendments to the specification published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* regarding the name ‘Huile d'olive de Corse’/‘Huile d'olive de Corse — Oliu di Corsica’ (PDO) are hereby approved.

Article 2

The protection provided under Article 1 is subject to the transitional period granted by France pursuant to Article 15(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 to operators who fulfil the conditions of that Article.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of 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, 11 May 2017.

For the Commission,

On behalf of the President,

Phil HOGAN

Member of the Commission