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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 of 14 July 1992 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs[(1)], and in particular Article 6(3), the second indent of Article 6(4) and Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 6(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, Portugal's application to amend points of the specification of the protected designation of origin ‘Azeites do Norte Alentejano’, registered by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1107/96[(2)], was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*[(3)].

(2) As no statement of objections has been notified to the Commission under Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92, those amendments must be registered and published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The specification for the designation of origin ‘Azeites do Norte Alentejano’ is hereby amended in accordance with Annex I hereto.

Article 2

The summary of the main points of the specification is given in Annex II hereto.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th 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.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 708/2005. (See end of Document for details)

Done at Brussels, 10 May 2005.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 708/2005. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX I

PORTUGAL‘Azeites do Norte Alentejano’

Amendments:

— Chapter of specification:

#	Name
☒	Description
☒	Geographical area
#	Proof of origin
#	Method of production
#	Link
#	Labelling
#	National requirements

— Amendments

Description	—	North Alentejo olive oil is a slightly thick, fruity, greenish-yellow oil that meets the minimum grade of 6,5 for extra virgin olive oil and 6,0 for virgin olive oil. In-depth studies conducted on the characteristics of this olive oil have shown that there is a need to revise some of its parameters, namely: Delta K, triglicerides LLL, OLLn, PLLn, OLL, PLL, POL, POO, OOO, PPO; fatty acids C16:0, C16:1, C17:0, C17:1, C18:0, C18:1, C18:2 and C18:3; trans fatty acids, cholesterol, Campestanol and Delta 7 — Stigmasterol. The regional varieties Carrasquenha, Redondil and Azeiteira (or Azeitoneira) are added to the authorised varieties.
Geographical area	—	Extension of the geographical production area to include the municipalities of Alandroal, Nisa, Reguengos de Monsaraz, Évora (*freguesias* of N^{a} Sr.^{a} de Machede, S. Mansos, S. Vicente do Pigeiro, S. Miguel de Machede and S. Bento do Mato) and Mourão (*freguesias* of Luz and Mourão), on the grounds that: — the same conditions obtain in these municipalities and *freguesias* with regard to soils and weather patterns, — the olive oil produced there has the same physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics as that obtained in the current geographical area, — the inhabitants of these municipalities have inherited the same customs and authentic, unvarying know-how as those in the rest of the geographical area.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 708/2005. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX II

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2081/92‘AZEITES DO NORTE ALENTEJANO’(EC NO PO/0266/24.1.1994)PDO (X) PGI ( )

This summary has been drawn up for information purposes only. For full details, in particular the producers of products covered by the PDO or PGI concerned, please consult the complete version of the product specification obtainable at national level or from the European Commission[4].

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2. **Group:**	2.1.	*Name* :	APAFNA — AGRUPAMENTOS DE PRODUTORES AGRÍCOLAS E FLORESTAIS DO NORTE ALENTEJANO
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	2.3.	*Composition*	producers/processors (X) other ( )
3. **Type of product**	Class 1.5 — oils and fats — olive oil		
4. **Specification**	(summary of requirements under Article 4(2))		
	4.1. *Name*:	‘Azeites do Norte Alentejano’	
	4.2. *Description*:	The designation ‘Azeite do Norte Alentejano’ is used to describe the oily liquid extracted mechanically from the fruit (once the vegetable water has been separated from the pomace, particles of skin, pulp and pits) of olives of the Galega, Carrasquenha, Redondil, Azeiteira or Azeitoneira, Blanqueta or Branquita and Cobrançosa varieties of the species *Olea europea sativa* grown in olive groves located in the abovementioned geographical area, processing and market preparation being carried out in the same area. North Alentejo olives are slightly thick, fruity and greenish-yellow olives that meet the minimum grade of 6,5 for extra virgin olive oil and 6,0 for olive oil.	
	4.3. *Geographical area*:	Limited to the municipalities of Alandroal, Borba, Estremoz, the *freguesias* of Na Sra de Machede, S. Mansos, S. Vicente do Pigeiro, S. Miguel de Machede and S. Bento do Mato in the municipality of Évora, the *freguesias* of Luz and Mourão in the municipality of Mourão, the municipalities of Redondo, Reguengos	