COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2205/2003

of 17 December 2003

amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff [1], and in particular Article 9(1)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) To continue the process of harmonisation with the international standards laid down by the International Olive Oil Council and the Codex Alimentarius, adjustments should be made to certain limit values in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2568/91 on the characteristics of olive oil and olive-residue oil and on the relevant methods of analysis [2], and in additional note 2 to Chapter 15 of the Combined Nomenclature contained in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87.

(2) Council Regulation (EC) No 1513/2001 of 23 July 2001 amending Regulations No 136/66/EEC and (EC) No 1638/98 as regards the extension of the period of validity of the aid scheme and the quality strategy for olive oil [3], makes it necessary to revise additional note 2 to Chapter 15 of the Combined Nomenclature set out in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87.

(3) In order to align the texts, the wording of some of the language versions of subheading 1509 10 10 of the Combined Nomenclature should be amended.

(4) Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 should be amended accordingly.

(5) The last amendments to Regulation (EEC) No 2568/91 are applicable from 1 November 2003. To be consistent this Regulation should be applicable from the same date.

(6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Customs Code Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 shall be amended as shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply with effect from 1 November 2003.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 2003.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1871/2003 (OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 5).
[2] OJ L 248, 5.9.1991, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1989/2003 (OJ L 295, 13.11.2003, p. 57).
[3] OJ L 201, 26.7.2001, p. 4.