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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Council of Members of the International Olive Council (IOC) as regards the trade standard for olive oils and olive pomace oils
- *Statement from Germany*

Delegations will find in Annex a statement from Germany on the above-mentioned subject.

Protocol statement

Germany agrees with the proposal for a Council Decision in its current Presidency version by way of compromise.

However, it is noted that Germany continues to view the proposed inclusion of a footnote in the trade standard, which would reduce the current limit for sterols of 1000 mg/kg to 800 mg/kg without taking into account the results of further sample analyses, as highly critical.

From Germany's perspective, the creation of a chemical-technical decision tree to solve the problem would be more effective and less bureaucratic. This would have enabled simpler and less bureaucratic control using a chemical-technical analysis by the food inspection authorities responsible in Germany for monitoring compliance with the marketing standards for olive oil. Germany calls on the European Commission to enter into dialogue with the EU Member States and to submit appropriate implementation proposals to avoid bureaucracy.
