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to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Non-compliance of olive oils

In accordance with Implementing Regulation (EU) N° 29/2012 on marketing standards for olive oil and Commission Regulation (EEC) N° 2568/91 of 11 July 1991 on the characteristics of olive oil and olive-residue oil, EU Member States must send the Commission an annual report on the checks carried out in the olive oil sector.

In France, this task is entrusted to the Directorate-General for Competition, Consumer Affairs and Prevention of Fraud (DGCCRF). In 2016, the DGCCRF carried out checks in 286 olive oil sector institutions.

Of 139 samples, 48% were found non-compliant with regulations and were of foreign origin. Moreover, one sample in four was declared 'to be monitored'.

The most common shortcomings were failure to comply with oil labelling rules and incorrectly classifying oils in a higher grade.

For several years, the DGCCRF has identified the same discovery of a very high level of non-compliance. The level of non-compliance in this business sector chronically reaches 40%.

What measures will the Commission take to the increase the compliance of olive oils found on the European market?