

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/153**of 30 January 2015****derogating from Regulation (EC) No 1918/2006 as regards the monthly limits for the issue of import licences under the 2015 tariff quota for olive oil originating in Tunisia**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular point (a) of Article 187 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1918/2006 ⁽²⁾ lays down monthly limits for the quantity of olive oil for which import licences may be issued under the overall volume of the quota provided for in paragraph 1 of that Article.
- (2) In order to facilitate trade in the olive oil between the Union and Tunisia for the current production year, it is necessary to derogate from Regulation (EC) No 1918/2006 and authorise different monthly limits for the period from 1 February 2015 to 31 October 2015 without prejudice to the overall volume of the tariff quota laid down in Article 2(1) of that Regulation.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

By way of derogation from Article 2(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1918/2006 and without prejudice to the volume of the tariff quota laid down in Article 2(1) of that Regulation, the issue of licences is hereby authorised for the period from 1 February 2015 to 31 October 2015, up to the following monthly limits:

- 9 000 tonnes for each month of February and March, and
- 8 000 tonnes for each month from April to October.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 30 January 2015.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 365, 21.12.2006, p. 84.