

1 **BEFORE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

2 **DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

3 In the matter of approving seasonal olive) **Order of the Department of Food and**
4 oil grade and labeling standards for the) **Agriculture Establishing Seasonal Grade**
5 Olive Oil Commission of California as) **and Labeling Standards for Olive Oil**
6 recommended by the Commission's) **Processed in California from Olives**
7 Board of Directors to the California) **Produced in California for the 2024-2025**
8 Department of Food and Agriculture) **Marketing Season Pursuant to the Olive**
9 **Oil Commission of California Law**

10 **WHEREAS**, the Olive Oil Commission of California Law (Law), being Chapter 29
11 (commencing with Section 79800) of Part 2, Division 22 of the Food and Agricultural Code,
12 authorizes the establishment and operation of the Olive Oil Commission of California
13 (Commission), and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Food and Agriculture of the State of California (Department)
15 oversees the activities of the Commission pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in it by
16 said Law, and

17 **WHEREAS**, Section 79901 of said Law provides that the Commission's Board of Directors
18 may recommend to the Department the adoption and amendment of olive oil grades and labeling
19 standards, in accordance with the California Marketing Act (Act), being Chapter 1 (commencing
20 with Section 58601) of Part 2, Division 21 of the Food and Agricultural Code, and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Commission's Board of Directors, during its meeting on June 13, 2024,
22 recommended to the Department the establishment of seasonal grade and labeling standards for
23 olive oil, refined-olive oil, and olive-pomace oil (Standards) for the 2024-2025 marketing season,
24 being the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, consisting of the following five components:

- 25 • Grade and Labeling Standards for Olive Oil, Refined-Olive Oil and Olive-Pomace Oil
- 26 • Appendix "A" - Sampling, Testing, and Grading Methodology for Olive Oil, Refined-
27 Olive Oil and Olive-Pomace Oil
- OOCB Tank Sampling Guidance Document

- OOC Use By Technical Evidence Guidance Document
- OOC Labeling Guidance Document, and

WHEREAS, the Department has carefully considered the proposed Standards recommended by the Commission's Board of Directors and has found that the Standards:


- Are reasonable and proper and a practical means of carrying out the grading and labeling activities authorized by the Law, and are reasonably and properly calculated to attain the objectives of the proposed Standards, and
- Will tend to effectuate the declared purposes and policies of the Act, subject to the provisions, limitations, and restrictions contained in the Act, and
- Protect the interests of consumers in that the powers of the Act are being exercised only to the extent which is necessary to attain such objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department of Food and Agriculture of the State of California, acting pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in it by said Act and Law, does hereby approve the 2024-2025 Grade and Labeling Standards for Olive Oil, Refined-Olive Oil and Olive-Pomace Oil, consisting of the five aforementioned components, as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, and order that each California handler who processes olives produced in California into a minimum of 5,000 gallons of olive oil during the 2024-2025 marketing season shall comply with the provisions of the Grade and Labeling Standards for Olive Oil, Refined-Olive Oil and Olive-Pomace Oil component of the Standards, and obtain testing of their olive oil pursuant to the provisions of the Sampling, Testing and Grading Methodology for Olive Oil, Refined-Olive Oil and Olive-Pomace Oil (Appendix "A") component of the Standards. Said handlers are also advised to use the procedures presented in the following components of the Standards: the Tank Sampling Guidance Document, the Use By Technical Evidence Guidance Document, and the Labeling Guidance Document. The Department does also hereby order that California handlers who process olives produced in California into less than of 5,000 gallons of

1 olive oil during the 2024-2025 marketing season be authorized to voluntarily participate in the
2 sampling and testing program according to the requirements prescribed in Article 9 of Appendix "A"
3 of the Standards. Said Standards shall become effective on October 1, 2024, and shall remain in
4 effect until amended, terminated or until June 30, 2025.

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