

Intra-EU exports of olive oil rose 13% in the first quarter of the year

Intra-EU exports of olive oil stood at 254,100 tons in the first quarter of the 2016/17 marketing year, increasing by 13% regarding the same period of last year, according to the latest figures from the European Commission (EC).

These data shows that Spain exported to other countries of the European Union (EU) a total of 149,500 t. (+ 28% compared to the same period last year), which were mainly directed to Italy (81,200 t.), Portugal (22,800 t.), France (19,400 t.), United Kingdom (4,100 t.) and the Netherlands (4,000 t.).

Italy, on the other hand, sold to other Member States a total of 33,900 t., 4% more than in October and December 2015, for Germany (9,800 t.), France (6,400 t.), Spain (6,100 t.), United Kingdom (3,200 t.) and the Netherlands (700 t.).

In the case of Greece, intra-community exports of olive oil fell by 6% in the first three months of the year to 32,900 tons, of which 83,5% was traded in Italy (27,500 t) and 6,2% to Germany (2,000 t.).

In addition, data from the Community executive show that Intra-Community sales during this period amounted to 29,000 tons (-19%), mainly for Spain (16,200 tons) and Italy (10,800 tons); while French exports to the rest of European countries rose 186% until 4,500 tons, of which 10.9% corresponded to Spain (500 tons).

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