COMMUNICATION OF TEMPORARY AMENDMENT

Communication concerning a temporary amendment in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 6(3) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 664/2014.

'BRISIGHELLA'

EU No: IT-PDO-0317-01389 – 15.10.2015

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1. MEMBER STATE OR THIRD COUNTRY:

Italy

2. AMENDMENT(S)

The amendment concerns Article 4 of the product specification (growing characteristics), and in particular the bringing forward of the olive harvest from 5 November to 19 October.

This amendment became necessary because of the unusual climatic conditions observed during the year, which caused the olives intended for use in the production of 'Brisighella' PDO to ripen early.

The aforementioned amendment is justified by the Decision of 30 September 2015 of the Unit for Quality, Market Relations and Sector Integration of the Emilia-Romagna Region, ref. PG/2015/0715487. The decision in question officially acknowledges the need to bring forward the "harvesting of the olives for production of the PDO 'Brisighella' to 19 October" in 2015 as a result of adverse weather conditions.

The technical report annexed to the Decision of the Emilia-Romagna Region, which is responsible for the geographical area concerned, clearly specifies that the unusual climatic conditions observed during the year caused the olives intended for use in the production of 'Brisighella' PDO to ripen early.

Article 4 of the product specification requires the olive harvest to start on 5 November. However, adhering to this date would have compromised the quality of the oil by altering its chemical/physical and organoleptic parameters, resulting in serious financial harm for producers. A temporary amendment of the 'Brisighella' PDO extra virgin olive oil product specification was therefore deemed necessary, with the olive harvest start date being brought forward to 19 October.

This temporary amendment applies exclusively to the 2015 olive harvest.