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**Priority question for written answer P-000098/25
to the Commission
Afroditi Latinopoulou (PfE)
(13 January 2025)**

Subject: Regulatory framework for distribution of bulk olive oil in the EU

To limit the distribution of bulk olive oil in traditional cans, the Greek Government only permits distribution of quantities up to 5 litres, and imposes a fine of up to EUR 5 000 on anyone distributing larger-capacity cans. This decision significantly affects the traditional practice of distributing olive oil in Greece, where it is estimated that 60 000 — 70 000 tonnes of olive oil are distributed annually.

In view of this:

1. In what type of packaging and in what quantities is the distribution of olive oil permitted between private individuals for non-commercial use?
2. Is there any explicit European legislation prohibiting the distribution of olive oil, either in traditional cans, or in glass or plastic bottles, between private individuals for non-commercial use?
3. To what extent are the national regulations that restrict the distribution of olive oil in traditional containers consistent with European law on the free movement of goods for personal use?

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**Answer given by Mr Hansen on behalf of the European Commission
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There is no legislation at EU level that regulates the distribution or packaging of olive oil between private individuals. Legal systems in Member States are different and may or may not allow regulation on this kind of exchanges.

Commission Delegated Regulation 2022/2104 ⁽¹⁾ only refers to marketed olive oils. Article 4.1 refers to olive oils ‘presented to the final consumer’ on packaging not exceeding five litres.

Article 4.2 establishes that a maximum capacity exceeding five litres could be used if ‘intended for consumption in restaurants, hospitals, canteens and other similar collective establishments’.

The Commission has not been informed of any regulation at national level restricting what the Honourable Member describes. Exchanges of olive oil by private individuals are not regulated at EU level.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02022R2104-20240610>