

“CALIFORNIA LABELING LAW REGARDING OLIVE OIL

CALIFORNIA CODES - HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - SECTION 112875-112935

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112875. "**Olive oil**," as used in this chapter, means the edible **oil** obtained from the fruit of the **olive** tree (*Olea europaea* L.).

112880. "Imitation **olive oil**," as used in this chapter, means the mixture of any edible **oil** artificially colored or flavored to resemble **olive oil**.

112885. Unless a license so to do is first obtained from the department, it is unlawful for any person in this state to engage in the packaging or manufacture of **olive oil**, or in the wholesale distribution of **olive oil** where his or her name and address will appear upon **olive oil** containers of one pint capacity or larger, as the distributor and his or her name will appear upon the containers as the only California addressee.

112890. On receipt of an application showing that the applicant is properly equipped to package or manufacture **olive oil**, or is a wholesale distributor of **olive oil** whose name and address will appear upon **olive oil** containers as distributor and whose name also will appear upon those containers as the only California addressee, the department shall, free of charge, issue the applicant a license, not transferable, but good until revoked, to package, manufacture, or distribute **olive oil** as the case may be.

The department may revoke or suspend the license after a hearing. The proceedings for the revocation or suspension of a license shall be in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government **Code**, and the department shall have all the powers granted in that chapter.

112895. (a) It is unlawful to manufacture, sell, offer for sale, give away, or to possess imitation **olive oil** in California.

(b) This section does not prohibit the blending of **olive oil** with other edible oils, if the blend is not labeled as **olive oil** or imitation **olive oil**, is clearly labeled as a blended vegetable **oil**, and if the contents and proportions of the blend are prominently displayed on the container's label.

(c) Any **olive oil** produced, processed, sold, offered for sale, given away, or possessed in California, that indicates on its label "California **Olive Oil**," or uses words of similar import that indicate that California is the source of the **oil**, shall be made of **oil** derived solely from olives grown in California.

(d) Any **olive oil** produced, processed, sold, offered for sale, given away, or possessed in California, that indicates on its label that it is from an area that is one of the approved American Viticultural Areas as set forth in Part 9 (commencing with Sec. 9.1) of Title 27 of the **Code** of Federal Regulations shall be made of **oil**

75 percent of which is derived solely from olives grown in that approved American Viticultural Area.

112900. The use of any artificial color or flavor in the manufacture or blending of **olive oil** is prohibited.

112905. It is unlawful to prepare, express, mix, or blend **olive** pomace or meats with any bland fixed **oil** other than **olive oil**.

112910. All records of those licensed under the provisions of this chapter that concern the amounts of **olive oil** produced, purchased, or produced and purchased, or the sale, distribution, or sale and distribution of any **olive oil**, shall be open to inspection upon demand of any agent of the department.

112915. It is unlawful to reuse any **olive oil** container, can, or drum for repacking any fixed **oil** intended to be used for food purposes, except on the premises of the processor.

112920. All **olive oil** for technical purposes shall be denatured with an odoriferous substance so as to render it unfit for food purposes.

112925. It is unlawful to sell or offer for sale **olive oil** containing more than 5 percent free fatty acid without first denaturing the **oil** and making it unfit for human consumption.

112930. The department shall enforce this chapter.

112935. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not exceeding one year, or by both fine and imprisonment.