

Civil dialogue group on horticulture, olives and spirits

Meeting of 31/10/2014

Imports of olives into India

- Imports of a number of food products including olives into India have been disrupted due to some Indian standards. In particular, India was not recognising the process of oxidation in the treatment of table olive and had a specific standard on salt level (EU imports showing lower level than the minimum required by the Indian law)
- The EU has been raising this issue with the Indian authorities in several meetings.
- The issue lasted a few months, and it is now completely solved, as India recognized the gap in its standards and opted for equivalence with CODEX standards.
- On this basis, EU olives have started again to be imported into India.