Products covered

1. Oilseeds (tariff headings 1201 to 1207):

- a. Volumes processed for the production of oils and meals, with the exception of olives. This refers exclusively to seeds and fruits processed into oils and meals in Community plants.
- b. Production, imports, exports of oilseeds, with the exception of olives. For certain varieties, the figures given here, whether they concern production or trade, do not fully correspond to those mentioned under a. In fact, some of the seeds are also used for other purposes than their processing into oils and meals. Such is the case for flax seeds, sunflower seeds, rape seeds and soya beans which are used either for sowing or in food products or in animal feedstuffs.

2. Vegetable oils and fats (tariff headings 1507 to 1515):

- This includes crude and other than crude oils and fats with the exception of olive oil.
- Imports of vegetable oils and fats are classified according to whether they are used for
 edible or technical purposes, with oils for animal feedstuffs being regarded as technical.
 This distinction is based on the fact that the rates of the Common Customs Tariff vary
 according to whether the products are used for edible or technical purposes.
- In this respect, customs duties on oils and fats for technical purposes are usually only half those applied to products for edible purposes.
- Concerning the production of crude vegetable oils and fats it was not possible, however, to apply the distinction between edible and technical purposes.

The "consumption" of vegetable oils and fats is the result of the following:

production of crude oils
+ imports of crude and other than crude oils
- exports of crude and other than crude oils
with stocks not taken into account.

3. Meals (tariff headings 2304 to 2306, oil cakes and other residues resulting from the extraction of olive oil excluded):

Account has been taken of meals for animal feedstuffs only; castor meals, which are used for technical purposes - fertilizers in particular -, have not been included. Neither have meat meals, bone meals, blood meals,...

The meal "consumption" has been calculated by using the same criteria as for the vegetable oils and fats "consumption", i.e.: production + imports - exports, with stocks not taken into account.