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**DECISION No DEC-17/99-V/2011**

**ON THE PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF THE GUIDE FOR THE  
DETERMINATION OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF OIL-OLIVES**

**THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE  
COUNCIL,**

**Having regard** to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2005, in particular article 21 concerning the designations and definitions of olive oils, olive-pomace oils and table olives and article 25 concerning standards relating to physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics and methods of analysis,

**Whereas** the Members decided in 2008 to study the characteristics of oil-olives in view of the need for a reference guide,

**Whereas** a pertinent proposal has been framed by the Technical Committee in view of the experience gained in the field of oil-olives and of the importance of the need for an official guide for the determination of the characteristics of oil-olives, the determination of the calculated processing yield of oil-olives, the related sampling methodology, the methods for the calculation of the yield and the criteria for the determination of ripeness;

**Whereas** the provisional application of such a guide would enable harmonisation of the procedures for determining the characteristics of oil-olives,

**DECIDES**

The *Guide for the determination of oil-olives* (COI/OH/Doc. No 1) shall be provisionally adopted and recommended for application by the Members.

Interested non-Member States shall be invited to take the guide into consideration.

Madrid (Spain), 25 November 2011.