Decision No DEC-III.2/107-VI/2018

REVISITING THE TRADE STANDARD APPLYING TO OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE POMACE OILS

THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015, in particular article 1 “Objectives of the Agreement” concerning standardisation and research, as regards achieving uniformity in national and international legislation, and in particular Chapter VI “Standardisation provisions”;

Having regard to the recommendations made by the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee at its 2nd meeting, during the 106th session of the Council of Members, revising the precision values of Methods COI/T.20/Doc. No 11, 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34 and 35;

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee to revise the title, scope, performance characteristics and computer program of method COI/T.20/Doc. No 25 Rev. 1;

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee for the removal of benzene from method COI/T.20/Doc. No 30;

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee to fuse methods COI/T.20/Doc. No 18 and 28 and methods COI/T.20/Doc. No 26 and 30;

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee to include the option of using isooctane as an alternative solvent in Methods COI/T.20/Doc. No 11, 20, 23 and 28;

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee to revise document COI/T.20/Doc. No 42-2/Rev. 1 “Precision values of the methods of analysis adopted by the International Olive Council”;

Whereas the chemistry experts have studied the application of the methods;

Whereas the chemistry experts designated by the Members reached a unanimous position at their meeting on 25 and 26 September 2017 and 15 and 16 March 2018, in view of the duly reasoned revision of said methods;

Whereas the following revised methods have been adopted:
DECIDES

1. The trade standard applying to olive oils and olive-pomace oils COI/T.15/NC No 3/Rev. 12, appended hereto, shall be adopted, replacing and revoking the trade standard applying to olive oils and olive pomace oils COI/T.15/NC No 3/Rev. 11 of July 2016.

2. Subject to their respective legislations the Member shall make all the relevant provisions for the application of the standard adopted and shall communicate these provisions to Executive Secretariat when they are implemented;

3. Non-member countries interested in the international trade of olive oils and olive-pomace oils are invited to take the Standard adopted into consideration and to adapt their regulations to the provisions of said Standard.

Buenos Aires (Argentina), 21 June 2018