



DECISION No. DEC-III.2/111-VI/2020

**ADOPTING THE REVISION OF THE ORGANOLEPTIC ASSESSMENT METHOD
FOR VIRGIN OLIVE 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” as regards standardisation and research concerning the uniformity of national and international legislation, and Chapter VI “Standardisation provisions”;

Having regard Resolution No. RES-5/56-IV/87 of 18 June 1987 adopting method COI/T.20/Doc. no 3 "Organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil" and standards COI/T.20/Doc. n° 4 "Sensorial analysis: Basic general vocabulary", COI/T.20/Doc. n° 5 "Glass for oil tasting" and COI/T.20/Doc. n° 6 "Guide for setting up a tasting room" and document COI/IGS/Doc. no 8/corr.2; resolution No. RES-2/71-IV/94 of 17 November 1994 provisionally adopting the method "Organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil" COI/T.20/Doc. No. 15, and the standards COI/T.20/Doc. No. 13 "General methodology for the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil", COI/T.20/Doc. No. 14 "Guide for selecting, training and monitoring qualified virgin olive oil tasters" and which confirmed the validity of the standards COI/T.20/Doc. No. 4, COI/T.20/Doc. No. 5 and COI/T.20/Doc. No. 6 of 18 June 1987; Resolution No. RES- 3/75-IV/96 of 20 November 1996 adopting method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 15/rev 1, standards COI/T.20/Doc. No. 13, COI/T.20/Doc. No. 14/rev. 1 and confirming the validity of standards COI/T.20/Doc. No. 4 COI/T.20/Doc. No. 5 and COI/T.20/Doc. No. 6; Decision No. DEC-21/95-V/2007 adopting the revision of method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 15/rev. 2 and standards COI/T.20/Doc. No. 13/rev. 1, COI/T.20/Doc. No. 14/rev. 2, COI/T.20/Doc. No. 4 /rev. 1, COI/T.20/Doc. No. 5/rev. 1 and COI/T.20/Doc. No. 6/rev. 1; Decision of 2010 adopting the revision of method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 15/rev. 3; Decision No. DEC-20/99-V/2011 adopting the revision of method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 15/rev. 4 and standard COI/T.20/Doc. No. 14/rev. 3; Decision- of 2012 adopting the revision of method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 15/rev. 5; Decision No. DEC-18/100-V/2013 adopting method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 15/rev. 6 and revision of standard COI/T.20/Doc. No. 14/rev. 4; Decision No. DEC-6/S.ex.23-V/2015 adopting the revision of method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 15/rev. 7; Decision 14/103-V/2015 adopting the revision of method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 15/rev. 8; Decision DEC-III.15/106-VI/2017 adopting the revision of method COI/T.20/Doc. n° 15/rev. 9, and Decision DEC-III.6/107-VI/2018 adopting the revision of standard COI/T.20/Doc. n° 14/rev. 5 and method COI/T.20/Doc. n° 15/rev. 10.

Whereas the unanimity of the experts on organoleptic assessment designated by Members at their meeting on 19 and 20 September 2019, a proposal was put forward to revise documents COI/T.20/Doc. No. 14/Rev. 5, harmonised with the new version of the *Guide for panel accreditation*, and COI/T.20/Doc. No. 5/Rev. 1, point 2.3 “Rules of use”;

DECIDES

To adopt the revised methods COI/T.20/Doc. No. 14/Rev. 6 and COI/T.20/Doc. No. 5/Rev. 2, which can be found in annex to this Decision, which replace and revoke the methods COI/T.20/Doc. No. 14/Rev. 5, of 21 June 2018 and COI/T.20/Doc. No. 5/Rev. 1, of 16 November 2007.

Tbilisi (Georgia), 1 April 2020