



DECISION N° DEC-III.1/112-VI /2020

**ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF VIRGIN
OLIVE OIL TASTING PANELS IN THE EVENT OF A PANDEMIC**

THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015 and in particular its Article 1 "Objectives of the Agreement", in the field of standardisation and research, concerning the standardisation of national and international legislation, and in the field of organoleptic assessment;

Having regard to the covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions on movement and health warnings imposed in most countries;

Having regard to the urgent need for a guide on managing virgin olive oil tasting panels during a pandemic according to the current method in force;

Considering method COI/T.20/Doc. No.15 and method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 6;

Considering the unanimous recommendation made by the group of experts in organoleptic assessment;

Considering the proposal of the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee;

DECIDES

To adopt the Guidelines for the Management of Virgin Olive Oil Tasting Panels in the Event of a Pandemic" attached to this Decision and to recommend that Members promote its application.

Tbilisi (Georgia), 17 July 2020