



DECISION No. DEC-III.3/111-VI/2020

**CONCERNING THE METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE
COMPOSITION AND CONTENT OF STEROLS AND COMPOUND ALCOHOLS BY
CAPILLARY COLUMN GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY**

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 achieving uniformity in national and international legislations and conducting activities related to physico-chemical and organoleptic analysis to improve knowledge of the composition and quality of olive products;

Having regard to the current method for the determination of aliphatic and triterpenic alcohols and considering that triterpenic alcohols are markers of the presence of olive-pomace oil and second-phase virgin olive oil, which contributes to fraud control;

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee at its 2nd meeting during the 106th session of the Council of Members, concerning the revision of the precision values of method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 26;

Whereas the unanimous position of the chemistry experts at their meeting in April 2019 and their proposal to revise the title, the precision margins and figures and chromatograms formulated at their meeting on 3 and 4 October 2019;

DECIDES

To revise the title, the precision margins and the figures and chromatograms of the method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 26/Rev. 4 (*Determination of the composition and content of sterols and compound alcohols by capillary column gas chromatography*). The revised method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 26/Rev. 5 (*Determination of the composition and content of sterols, triterpenic dialcohols and aliphatic alcohols by capillary column gas chromatography*) shall replace and revoke method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 26/Rev. 4 and shall be listed in the IOC trade standard.

Madrid (Spain), 1st July 2020