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DECISION N° DEC-III.1/111-VI/2020

ADOPTING THE GUIDE FOR VERIFYING THE CONFORMITY OF A PREVIOUSLY DECLARED COMMERCIAL CATEGORY OF OLIVE OIL AND OLIVE-POMACE OIL

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 achievement of uniformity in national and international legislation, and the harmonisation of physico-chemical and organoleptic analysis, to improve knowledge of the composition and quality characteristics of olive products;

Having regard to the need for guidelines for verifying the conformity of a previously declared commercial category of olive oil and olive-pomace oil that aim to certify the conformity of a product, either to the legislation in force or to the terms of a contractual relationship;

Having regard to the fact that these guidelines can be applied either publicly or privately and are recommendations to check compliance with a pre-established order, either in a standard or private contract, to support the application of existing international standards and regulatory procedures;

Considering that the organoleptic assessment experts and the chemistry experts made a unanimous recommendation in this regard;

Considering that the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee presented a proposal in this regard;

DECIDES

To recommend the Members apply the *Guide for verifying the conformity of a previously declared commercial category of olive oil and olive-pomace oil*, appended hereto.

Tbilisi (Georgia), 1 April 2020