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**DECISION No DEC-III.3/112-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’, with respect to 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 on organoleptic assessment;

**Considering** the comments made by the experts;

**DECIDES**

To adopt revision 1 of the ‘Guidelines for the Management of Virgin Olive Oil Tasting Panels in the Event of a Pandemic’ (COI/MPP/Doc No. 1/ Rev 1) attached to this Decision and to recommend that Members promote its application and that it shall replace and revoke COI/MPP/Doc No. 1 of July 2020.

Madrid (Spain) , 27 November 2020