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DECISION No DEC-III.1/113-VI /2021

REVISING THE TRADE STANDARD APPLYING TO OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE POMACE 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” concerning standardisation and research, as regards achieving uniformity in national and international legislation in the physico- chemical and organoleptic characteristics of olive oil, olive pomace oil and table olives in order to prevent barriers to trade, and in particular Chapter VI “Standardisation provisions”;

Considering the work carried out by the chemists on the application of these methods and the studies on olive oils presenting abnormal parameters;

Considering the chemistry experts designated by the Members reached a unanimous position at their chemistry experts meeting on 7 and 8 October 2020, on the proposal to apply

- The substitution of the limit of α -tocopherol in refined oils by GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices).
- To fix the maximum oleic acid content to 85% and lower the palmitic acid limit to 7%.
- To fix the erythrodiol content which must be less than or equal to 75 mg/kg for refined oils with an erythrodiol+uvaol content of between 4.5% and 6%.

Considering the work carried out by the chemists to include the simplified method for the determination of stigmastadienes in the method COI/T.20/Doc No. 11/Rev. 4.

DECIDES

1. The trade standard applying to olive oils and olive-pomace oils COI/T.15/NC No 3/Rev. 16, appended hereto, shall be adopted, replacing and revoking the trade standard applying to olive oils and olive pomace oils COI/T.15/NC No 3/Rev. 15 of November 2019;
2. Subject to their respective legislations the Member shall make all the relevant provisions for the application of the standard adopted and shall communicate these provisions to Executive Secretariat when they are implemented;



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3. Non-member countries interested in the international trade of olive oils and olive-pomace oils are invited to take the Standard adopted into consideration and to adapt their regulations to the provisions of said Standard.

Madrid (Spain), 30 June 2021