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DECISION N° DEC-III.1/114-VI/2021

REVISING THE TRADING STANDARD FOR 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' on standardisation and research, concerning the standardisation of national and international legislation relating to the physico-chemical and organoleptic characteristics of olive oils, olive-pomace oils and table olives in order to prevent obstacles to trade, and Chapter VI 'Provisions concerning standardisation';

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee at its 9th meeting during the 114th session of the Council of Members;

Considering the work carried out by the chemists on the application of methods and studies on olive oils with non-standard parameters;

Considering the unanimous position of the chemistry experts appointed by the Members at the chemistry experts meeting of 15 and 16 March 2021 on:

- The inclusion of the decision tree on the linolenic acid limit between 1.00 and 1.40 %,
- The revision of the decision tree for refined olive oils and olive oils,
- The revision of the decision tree for crude and refined olive-pomace oils,
- The inclusion of the method for the determination of the ethanol/methanol content in virgin olive oils in the list of methods with the reference COI/T.20/Doc. No. 36.

Considering the work carried out by chemists with a view to including the method to determine the ethanol/methanol content in virgin olive oils COI/T. 20/Doc. No. 36 following the collaborative trial held to validate said method;

DECIDES

1. To adopt the Trade Standard for Olive Oils and Olive-Pomace Oils COI/T.15/NC No. 3/Rev. 17 (attached), which replaces and repeals the Trade Standard for Olive Oils and Olive-Pomace Oils COI/T.15/NC No. 3/Rev. 16 of June 2021;
2. Members will, in accordance with their respective legislations, take all appropriate measures to implement the Standard and will communicate these measures to the Executive Secretariat as soon as they are taken;
3. Non-Member States interested in international trade in olive oils and olive-pomace oils are invited to consider the Standard and adapt their regulations to its provisions.

Tbilisi (Georgia), 25 November 2021