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DECISION N°. DEC-III.6/114-VI /2021

REVISING THE RULES FOR THE INSTITUTIONAL SPONSORSHIP OF THE IOC IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR THE QUALITY OF EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL ORGANISED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE MEMBERS COUNTRIES

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;

Having regard to Decision DEC-1/82-IV/00, adopted by the Council on 8 June 2000, establishing the Mario Solinas Quality Award, decided by the Council in 1993, as from the 2000/01 crop year, and to Decision DEC-22/95-V/07 revising the categories provided for in the initial rules of the competition;

Considering Decision DEC-15/103-V/2015 adopted by the Council on 26 November 2015 and considering the intergovernmental nature of the Organisation;

Considering Decision No. DEC-17/S.ex 27-V/2016 adopted by the Council on 16 July 2016 on IOC institutional sponsorship of national competitions;

Having regard to the agreement of the Council of Members on the proposal to grant institutional support to national competitions organised by the competent authorities of the countries;

Considering the experience acquired by the IOC in organising competitions for extra virgin olive oils;

Considering the increasing number of national and international quality competitions held around the world;

Considering the media impact and the influence on consumers of the prizes awarded at the end of the various competitions;

Considering the unanimous proposal of the organoleptic assessment experts to revise the rules of the international Mario Solinas Quality Award,



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DECIDES

1. To add a category for small producers, a category for large producers, a category for packers and their characterisation according to the quantity of oils produced per year;
2. To revise the list of descriptors according to document COI/T.20/Doc. no. 22/ November 2005;
3. To adopt the rules for IOC institutional sponsorship of national competitions organised by the competent authorities of the countries (COI/T.30- 2/Doc. No. 3/November 2021).
4. After evaluation, the IOC will consider the appropriateness of granting institutional sponsorship to national competitions organised by the competent authorities of the countries using criteria established on said rules.
5. This Decision cancels and revokes Decision N°. DEC-III.4/112-VI /2020 of 27 November 2020 on IOC institutional sponsorship of national competitions.

Tbilisi (Georgia), 25 November 2021