



DECISION N° DEC-III.5/114-VI /2021

**ADOPTING THE RULES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL
COMPETITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL – THE MARIO
SOLINAS QUALITY AWARD**

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, regarding the harmonisation of national and international legislation;

Having regard to Decision DEC-1/74-IV of 6 June 1996 on the adoption by the Council of Members of the rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award, an international competition which rewards the top extra virgin olive oils according to an international panel in each category of fruitiness;

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

Considering the unanimous proposal of the organoleptic assessment experts at their meeting of 11 and 12 February 2021 and of 20 and 21 September 2021, with a view to revising the rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award;

Considering the customs procedures necessary for the delivery of participating samples;

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 change the minimum volume of oils presented by countries in the southern hemisphere to 1 000 litres;
3. To revise the list of descriptors according to document COI/T.20/Doc. no. 22/ November 2005;
4. To allocate to the participant the costs of shipping, customs and storage until the samples and documents arrive at the Executive Secretariat of the International Olive Council;
5. To adopt the revised rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award (COI/ T.30/Doc. No. 24/ November 2021).

This Decision repeals and revokes Decision No. DEC-1/82-IV/00 adopted by the Council of Members on 8 June 2000 for the entry into force of the Mario Solinas Quality Award.

Tbilisi (Georgia), 25 November 2021