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DECISION No DEC-20/100-V/2013

**REVISING THE TRADE STANDARD APPLYING TO
OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE POMACE OILS**

THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL,

Having regard to Decision No DEC-22/99-V/2011 of 25 November 2011 adopting the trade standard applying to olive oils and olive pomace oils referenced COI/T.15/NC No 3/Rev. 6 pursuant to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2005,

Having regard to Decision No DEC-19/100-V/2013 adopting the duly validated method referenced COI/T.20/Doc. No 30 for the *Determination of the composition and content of sterols and triterpene dialcohols by capillary column gas chromatography*, which shall replace methods COI/T.20/Doc. No 10 and IUPAC No 2.231,

Having regard to Decision No DEC-22/100-V/2013 adopting the duly validated method referenced COI/T.20/Doc. No 25 for the *Determination of extraneous oils in olive oils*,

Whereas it is necessary to insert specific items for these determinations in the trade standard, specifically items 11.5 and 11.25, respectively;

Whereas the chemists have framed a proposal to lower the limit for myristic acid and to express the limits for the rest of the fatty acids to two decimal places; to lower the stigmastadiene limit; to lower the wax limit for edible virgin olive oils taking into account solely C42+C44+C46; to lower gradually the limit for ethyl esters and to delete the limit for methyl esters and the related ratio;

Whereas, in the light of the results of the survey of the composition of olive oils with off-standard parameters, the chemists have proposed including decision trees for campesterol and delta-7-stigmastenol and accompanying, more restrictive parameters in order to guarantee olive oil authenticity, to facilitate trade and to protect consumers,

DECIDES

The trade standard applying to olive oils and olive pomace oils referenced COI/T.15/NC No 3/Rev. 7 shall replace and rescind the trade standard applying to olive oils and olive pomace oils referenced COI/T.15/NC No 3/Rev. 6 of November 2011.

The Members shall take whatever measures are appropriate, in the manner required by their legislation, to apply the standard adopted and shall notify the Executive Secretariat of any such measures as soon as they are taken.

Non-Member States involved in international trade in olive oils and olive pomace oils shall be invited to take into consideration the standard adopted and to adapt their regulations to its provisions.

Madrid (Spain), 23 May 2013.