



**DECISION No DEC-18/S.ex. 27-V/2016**

**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 2005 International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, prolonged in 2014, in particular article 21 concerning the designations and definitions of olive oils and olive pomace oils and article 25 concerning standards on physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics and methods of analysis,

**Having regard** to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015, currently open for signature by Members, in particular chapter VI *Standardisation provisions*,

**Having regard** to the recommendation of the Technical Committee to adopt the method for the *Determination of peroxide value* referenced COI/T.20/Doc. No 35,

**Having regard** to the recommendation of the Technical Committee to revise the K<sub>270</sub> limit for refined olive oils and olive oils composed of refined olive oil and virgin olive oil,

**Having regard** to the recommendation of the Technical Committee to leave the ethyl ester limit at 35 mg/kg in the light of the unanimous conclusions of the restricted working group,

**Having regard** to the recommendation of the Technical Committee to revise the limits for the C17:0, C17:1 and C20:1 fatty acids following the problems raised by adopting the limits to two decimal places,

**Having regard** to the recommendation of the Technical Committee to revise the references to CODEX and ISO standards,

**Having regard** to the recommendation of the Technical Committee to revise section 10 (Labelling) of the trade standard applying to olive oils and olive pomace oils according to the conclusions of the Labelling Working Group,

**Having regard** to the recommendation of the Technical Committee to harmonise designations and definitions with those stipulated in the new 2015 International Agreement,

## **DECIDES**

The method for the *Determination of peroxide value* referenced COI/T.20/Doc. No 35 shall be adopted along with the rest of the Technical Committee proposals.

The trade standard applying to olive oils and olive pomace oils referenced COI/T.15/NC No 3/Rev. 11 shall repeal and replace the trade standard applying to olive oils and olive pomace oils referenced COI/T.15/NC No 3/Rev. 10 of 10 November 2015.

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.

Hammamet (Tunisia), 16 July 2016.