DECISION No DEC-III.2/113-VI /2021

ON THE METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF STIGMASTADIENES IN VEGETABLE OILS

THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives 2015, and in particular its article 1 ‘Objectives of the Agreement’ concerning standardisation and research, concerning the standardisation of national and international legislation, and concerning physico-chemical and organoleptic analysis, to improve knowledge of the composition and quality characteristics of olive products, and in particular its Chapter VI ‘Provisions concerning standardisation’;

Having regard to the recommendation to introduce the alternative method validated in the ring trials into the method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 11/ Rev. 3 as part B;

Considering the work carried out by chemists on the application of the simplified method for the determination of stigmastadienes to facilitate the work of laboratories and its inclusion in COI/T.20/Doc No. 11;

Considering the unanimous position of the chemistry experts appointed by Members at their meeting on 7 and 8 October 2020 on the justified revision of said method in the light of the results of the ring trials;

DECIDES

To introduce the simplified method into COI/T.20/Doc.No.11/Rev.4 as an alternative for the determination of stigmastadienes in vegetable oils. This document replaces and repeals method COI/T20/Doc.n°11/Rev. 3 and will be included in the trade standard of the International Olive Council. In case of dispute, the reference method (part A) shall be used.

Madrid (Spain), 30 June 2021