



**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