DECISION No DEC-III-7/106-VI/2017

CONCERNING THE METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE COMPOSITION AND CONTENT OF STEROLS AND TRITERPENE DIALCOHOLS BY CAPILLARY COLUMN GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

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" concerning standardisation and research, as regards achieving uniformity in national and international legislation, and the harmonisation of physico-chemical and organoleptic analysis, to improve knowledge of the composition and quality characteristics of olive products, and in particular Chapter VI "Standardisation provisions";

<u>Having regard</u> to the recommendations made by the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee at its 2nd meeting, during the 106th session of the Council of Members, concerning the revision of the precision values of method COI/T.20/Doc No 30 Rev. 1;

<u>Whereas</u> the chemistry experts studied the application of method COI/T.20/Doc No 30;

<u>Whereas</u> the chemistry experts designated by the Members reached a unanimous position at their meeting of 25 and 26 September 2017, in view of the duly reasoned revision of the aforementioned method;

DECIDES

The precision values of method COI/T.20/Doc No. 30/Rev. 1 for the determination of the composition and content of sterols and triterpene dialcohols by capillary column gas chromatography shall be revised and benzene shall be deleted from COI/T.20/Doc No. 30/Rev. 2. This revised method COI/T.20/Doc No. 30/Rev. 2 shall replace and revoke COI/T.20/Doc No. 30/Rev. 1 and shall be listed in the IOC trade standard.