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DECISION N°. DEC-III. 1/115-VI/2022

REVISING THE COMMERCIAL STANDARD FOR OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE-POMACE OILS

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 in the physico-chemical and organoleptic characteristics of olive oils, olive-pomace oils and table olives in order to prevent barriers to trade, and in particular Chapter VI 'Standardisation provisions';

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Committee on Chemistry and Standardisation at its 10th meeting, in the context of the 115th session of the Council of Members;

Considering the chemistry experts designated by the Members reached an unanimous position at their chemistry meeting on 5 and 6 October 2021 on the use of IOC methods for the determination of phenolic compounds;

Considering the work carried out by the chemistry experts as part of the collaborative trials on phenolic compounds with a view to including document COI/T. 20/Doc. No. 29/Rev. 2;

DECIDES

1. To adopt the Trade Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils COI/T.15/NC No. 3/Rev. 18, attached to this decision, replacing and repealing the Trade Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils COI/T.15/NC No. 3/Rev. 17 of November 2021;
2. Subject to their respective legislation the Members shall make all relevant provisions for the application of the standard adopted and shall communicate these provisions to the Executive Secretariat when they are implemented;
3. Non-Member countries interested in international trade in olive oils and olive-pomace oils are invited to take the Standard adopted into consideration and to adapt their regulations to the provisions of said Standard.

Amman (Jordan), 8 June 2022

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Chair of the International Olive Council