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DECISION N° DEC-III.2/114-VI /2021

ON THE METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE METHANOL AND ETHANOL CONTENT IN VIRGIN OLIVE 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' on standardisation and research, concerning the standardisation of national and international legislations, in particular in the field of physico-chemical and organoleptic analysis to improve knowledge of the composition and quality characteristics of olive products;

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee at its 9th meeting during the 114th session of the Council of Members, on the determination of the methanol and ethanol content in virgin olive oils according to the method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 36;

Considering the work carried out by chemists on ring tests on ethanol/methanol.

Considering the unanimous position of the chemistry experts appointed by Members at their meeting on 15 and 16 March 2021 for elaboration of said method;

DECIDES

To adopt the method COI/T.20/Doc. No 36 on the determination of the methanol and ethanol content in virgin olive oils that will be included in the International Olive Council trade standard.

Tbilisi (Georgia), 25 November 2021