



DECISION No DEC-III.6/109-VI/2019

**CONCERNING THE METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE
COMPOSITION AND CONTENT OF STEROLS, TRITERPENIC DIALCOHOLS
AND ALIPHATIC ALCOHOLS 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, in particular article 1 “Objectives of the Agreement” as regards standardisation and research, concerning the achievement of 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;

Having regard to the current method for the determination of aliphatic and triterpenic alcohols and considering that triterpenic alcohols are markers of the presence of the pomace olive oil and second-phase virgin olive oil, contributing to fraud control;

Having regard to the recommendation 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 26 Rev. 1;

Considering the unanimous position of the chemistry experts at their meeting on 25 and 26 September 2017 and their proposal to revise the title, the precision and figure margins and the chromatograms formulated at the meeting on 4 and 5 October 2018;

DECIDES

To revise the title, the precision and figure margins and the chromatograms of the method COI/T.20/Doc. No 26/Rev. 3 (*Determination of the composition and content of sterols, triterpenic dialcohols and aliphatic alcohols by capillary column gas chromatography*). The revised method COI/T.20/Doc. No 26/Rev.4 (*Determination of the sterol composition and content and alcoholic compounds by capillary gas chromatography*) shall replace and revoke method COI/T.20/Doc. No 26/Rev.3 and shall be listed in the IOC trade standard.

Marrakech (Morocco), 21 June 2019