

RESOLUTION NO. RES-4/66-IV/92

INTERNATIONAL METHOD FOR THE ORGANOLEPTIC
ASSESSMENT OF VIRGIN OLIVE OIL

THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE OIL COUNCIL,

Having regard to Resolution no. RES-5/56-IV/87 of 18 June 1987 whereby the method for the "Organoleptic Assessment of Virgin Olive Oil", COI/T.20/Doc. no. 3 of 18 June 1987, was adopted in conjunction with the accompanying standards, "Sensory analysis: general basic vocabulary" (COI/T.20/Doc. no. 4), "Glass for oil tasting" (COI/T.20/Doc. no. 5) "Guide for the installation of a test room" (COI/T.20/Doc. no. 6) and the document entitled "General criteria for arriving at a sensory assessment of the flavour of virgin olive oils" (COI/IGS/Doc. no. 8/Corr. 2),

Having regard to Resolution no. RES-4/64-IV/91 of 30 May 1991 whereby the method COI/T.20/Doc. no. 3/Rev. 1 of 30 May 1991 was adopted, amending the method adopted in 1987,

Whereas the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 1986, in particular Article 36 thereof, refers to the establishment of uniform standards and methods of analysis for the physical, chemical and organoleptic characteristics of olive oils and olive-pomace oils, which article expands on Chapter I "General objectives" and Part Three "Economic and Standardisation Measures" of that same Agreement;

Whereas, following the work done by a group of panel supervisors who conducted a ring-test to check the uniformity with which the method is applied, the Technical Committee's Sub-Committee for Olive Oil Chemistry put forward a proposal at the 66th session to confirm the reliability of the method and to introduce amendments to approximate the terms defining the attributes perceived by the tasters as well as to delete the reference to the document COI/IGS/Doc. no. 8/Corr. 2 of 18 June 1987, with a view to facilitating the application of the method,

HAS ADOPTED THIS RESOLUTION:

The method, COI/T.20/Doc. no. 3/Rev. 2 of 28 May 1992 entitled "Organoleptic Assessment of Virgin Olive Oil", attached to this Resolution, shall replace the method COI/T.20/Doc. no. 3/Rev. 1 of 30 May 1991.

Members shall make the necessary arrangements to implement this method.

The governments of non-Member States involved in international trade in virgin olive oils shall recognise its ready applicability.

Done at Madrid, 28 May 1992.