



DECISION DEC-III. 5/116-VI /2022

ADOPTING THE RULES FOR THE IOC'S INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION – THE MARIO SOLINAS QUALITY AWARD

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 article 1 "Objectives of the Agreement" relating to standardisation and research concerning the harmonisation of national and international legislation;

Having regard to Decision DEC-III.5/114-VI/2021 of 25 November 2021 adopting the rules of the 22nd Mario Solinas Quality Award, an international competition which rewards the best extra virgin olive oils in each category selected by an international panel;

Considering the importance olive oil professionals attach to the international recognition of their efforts to market extra virgin olive oils with organoleptic qualities, which is precisely the objective of the Mario Solinas Quality Award;

Considering the unanimous proposal made by the experts in organoleptic assessment at their meeting on 20 and 21 September 2022 to revise the rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award;

DECIDES

1. To revise the rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award for the 2023 edition, to include the following clarifications:
 1. To specify that a company can participate in the competition under one registered name only;
 2. To require the mention of the category of the sample entered in the notarial act;
 3. That producers must prove that virgin olive oil production is their main activity (more than 75% of their activity);
 4. To require the batch traceability document and declaration on honour that the participant does not participate in or own other companies or company names that have submitted samples in this competition as part of the competition entry documents;
 5. To specify the volume of the lot on the registration form;
2. To adopt the revised rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award (COI/T.30/Doc. No. 25 of November 2022) for the 2023 edition annexed to this Decision.
3. This Decision cancels and abrogates Decision DEC-III.5/114-VI /2021 adopted by the Council of Members on 25 November 2021.

Jaen (Spain), 30 November 2022

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Chair of the International Olive Council