



DECISION No DEC-III-15/106-VI/2017

**CONCERNING THE METHOD FOR THE ORGANOLEPTIC ASSESSMENT
OF VIRGIN OLIVE OIL**

**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, and in particular Chapter VI “Standardisation provisions”;

Having regard to Resolution No RES-3/75-IV/96 of 20 November 1996 adopting the *Guide for the selection, training and monitoring of skilled virgin olive oil tasters* and confirming the validity of the standards relating to *Sensory analysis: general basic vocabulary* (COI/T.20/Doc. No 4), *Glass for oil tasting* (COI/T.20/Doc. No 5) and *Guide for the installation of a test room* (COI/T.20/Doc. No 6); and to Decision No DEC-18/100-V/2013 of 27 May 2013 revising the *Guide for the selection, training and monitoring of skilled virgin olive oil tasters* (COI/T.20/Doc. No 14/Rev. 4) and Decision No DEC-6/S.ex.23-V/2015 of 4 February 2015 concerning the revision of the method “Organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil” (COI/T.20/Doc. No 15/Rev.8);

Whereas the organoleptic assessment experts and the leaders of IOC-recognised panels designated by the Members decided to carry out a duly reasoned revision of the decimal points of the medians of the method for the *Organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil* (T.20/Doc. No 15/Rev. 8);

Whereas the Chemistry and Standardisation Committee framed a proposal at its 2nd meeting to revise the method in order to improve its reliability in terms of the homogeneity of the classification assigned by panels;

DECIDES

The decimal figures of the medians of the method for the *organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil* COI/T.20/Doc. No 15/Rev. 8 shall be revised. The revised method COI/T.20/Doc. No 15/Rev. 9 shall replace and revoke method COI/T.20/Doc. No 15/Rev. 8 and shall be listed in the IOC trade standard.

Madrid (Spain), 27 November 2017