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DECISION N°. DEC-III. 1/120-VI/2024

REVISING THE TRADING STANDARD FOR OLIVE OIL AND OLIVE-POMACE OIL

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 legislation relating to the physico-chemical and organoleptic characteristics of olive oils, olive-pomace oils and table olives in order to avoid any obstacle to trade, and its Chapter VI 'Provisions concerning standardisation';

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Committee on Chemistry and Standardisation at its 15th meeting during the 120th session of the Council of Members;

Considering the work carried out by the chemists on the application of methods and studies on olive oils with non-standard parameters;

Considering the unanimous position of the expert chemists appointed by Members, formulated at the expert chemists' meeting of 8 and 9 October 2024, on:

- The inclusion of the revision 11 of the method for the organoleptic assessment of virgin olive oil (T.20/Doc. No. 15/Rev. 11).
- The inclusion of revision 3 Corr 1 of the method of analysis for the determination of the content of waxes and fatty acid ethyl esters by capillary gas chromatography (COI/T.20/Doc. No 28/Rev. 3 Corr. 1).

DECIDES

1. To adopt the Trade Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils COI/T.15/NC No. 3/Rev. 20, attached to this decision, which replaces and repeals the Trade Standard for Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils COI/T.15/NC No. 3/Rev. 19 of November 2022;
2. Members shall, subject to their respective legislation, take all relevant measures to implement the adopted Standard and shall communicate these measures to the Executive Secretariat once they are implemented;
3. Non-Member States interested in international trade in olive oils and olive-pomace oils are invited to take the adopted Standard into consideration and to adapt their regulations to the provisions of this Standard.

Madrid (Spain), 20 November 2024

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