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DECISION N° DEC-III.2/120-VI/2024

CONCERNING THE METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE CONTENT OF WAXES, FATTY ACID ETHYL ESTERS BY CAPILLARY GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

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 the harmonisation of physico-chemical and organoleptic analysis, to improve knowledge of the composition and quality characteristics of olive products, and in particular Chapter VI “Standardisation provisions”;

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

Considering the ring tests carried out by the chemists on waxes and ethyl esters;

Considering the unanimous position of the chemistry experts appointed by Members at their meeting on 8 and 9 October 2024, and the recommendation to incorporate the modification into document COI/T.20/Doc. No 28/Rev. 4;

DECIDES

To adopt the revision 4 of the document COI/T.20/Doc. No 28 on the method of analysis for the determination of the content of waxes and fatty acid ethyl esters by capillary gas chromatography.

Both methods A and B can be used for official control. Method A (15 g of silica) is the reference method for counter-assessment.

Document COI/T.20/Doc. No 28/Rev. 4 replaces and repeals document COI/T.20/Doc. No 28/Rev. 3 Corr 1.

Madrid (Spain), 20 November 2024

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