



DECISION DEC-III. I/121-VI/2025

REVISING THE TRADE STANDARD APPLYING TO OLIVE OILS AND OLIVE-POMACE OILS

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” 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 barriers to trade, and Chapter VI, “Provisions concerning standardisation”;

Having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Chemistry and Standardisation made at its 16th meeting, held in the framework of the 121st session of the Council of Members;

Considering the work carried out by chemists in applying methods and conducting studies on olive oils with non-standard parameters;

Considering the consensus position of the chemist experts designated by the Members during their meetings of 18 and 19 March 2025, with a view to:

- The inclusion of revision 4 of the Method of analysis for the determination of wax and fatty acid ethyl ester content by capillary column gas chromatography (COI/T.20/Doc. No. 28/Rev. 4);
- The inclusion of the Method for the determination of diglyceride and triglyceride content (COI/T.20/Doc. No. 32);
- The inclusion of a footnote concerning the limit for total sterols, pending further scientific studies;
- The deletion of the detection of traces of halogenated solvents in the Trade Standard;



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DECIDES

1. To adopt the Trade Standard Applying to Olive Oils and Olive-Pomace Oils COI/T.15/NC No. 3/Rev. 21, attached to this decision, which replaces and repeals the previous version (Trade Standard Applying to Olive Oils and Olive-Pomace Oils COI/T.15/NC No. 3/Rev. 20 of November 2024);
2. That Members shall, in accordance with their respective legislation, take all relevant measures to apply the adopted standard, and shall communicate these measures to the Executive Secretariat as soon as they are implemented;
3. To invite non-IOC Member States interested in the international trade of olive oils and olive-pomace oils to take due account of the adopted standard and to align their regulations with its provisions.

Madrid (Spain), 8 July 2025

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