



Decision DEC-III.5/123-VI/2026

Adopting the method of analysis for the determination of volatile compounds in virgin olive oils by SPME-GC-FID/MS

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” 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 “Standardisation provisions”;

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Committee on Chemistry and Standardisation at its 18th meeting within the framework of the 123rd session of the Council of Members;

Considering the unanimous position agreed by the chemists at their meeting on 24 and 25 March 2026 concerning the method of analysis for the determination of volatile compounds in virgin olive oils by SPME-GC-FID/MS;

Considering the results of the collaborative trial organised by the International Olive Council and the work in progress to validate the above-mentioned method;

Decides

To definitively adopt method COI/T.20/Doc. No. 37 – Method of analysis for the determination of volatile compounds in virgin olive oils by SPME-GC-FID/MS.



Lisbon, 30 June 2026

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Chair of the International Olive Council