DECISION DEC-III. 4/120-VI/2024

ADOPTING THE METHOD OF ANALYSIS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF VOLATILE COMPOUNDS IN VIRGIN OLIVE OILS BY SPME-GC/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 Article 1 "Objectives of the Agreement" on standardization and research, concerning the standardization 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 "Standardization provisions";

Having regard to the recommendation made by the Chemistry and Standardization Committee at its 15th meeting, within the framework of the 120th session of the Council of Members:

Considering the unanimous position formulated by the chemist experts appointed by the Members at their meeting on October 8 and 9, 2024, concerning the method of analysis for the determination of volatile compounds in virgin olive oils by SPME-GC/MS;

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

DECIDES

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

Madrid (Spain), November 20, 2024

Javad Mir Arabrazi Chair of the International Olive Council