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Position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Council of Members of the International Olive Council

The European Union shall support the following amendments of the International Olive Council (IOC) trade standard (Trade standard COI/T.15/NC No. 4 applying to olive oils and olive-pomace oils):

- (1) revising of a footnote on the total sterol content in some monovarietal extra virgin olive oils by adding the Coratina variety to the Koroneiki and Nocellara del Belice varieties and limiting the application of the footnote to the end of the 2026/27 crop year;
- (2) the addition of the new method to determine de peroxide value in olive oils and olive-pomace oils.

The European Union shall also support the decision approving a new method of analysis (COI/T.20/Doc. No 38) which provides for a safer alternative to the current IOC method (COI/T.20/Doc. No 35) determining the peroxide value in olive oils and olive-pomace oils.

Technical adaptations to other methods or documents of the IOC may be agreed to by the representatives of the Union in the Council of Members of the IOC without further decision of the Council if they result from amendments referred to in the first paragraph.