Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners

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(Text with EEA relevance)

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(Submitted by the Commission on 22 July 1999)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,


Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty,

Whereas:

(1) European Parliament and Council Directive 95/2/EC of 20 February 1995 on food additives other than colours and sweeteners (3), as last amended by Directive 98/72/EC (4), lays down a list of food additives that may be used in the Community and their conditions of use.

(2) There have been technical developments in the field of food additives since the adoption of Directive 95/2/EC.

(3) Directive 95/2/EC should be adapted to take account of those developments.

(4) According to Article 5(1) of Directive 89/107/EEC, a Member State may authorise the use of a new food additive for a two-year period in its territory.

(5) In accordance with requests from Member States, the following nationally authorised additives should be approved at Community level: ethyl hydroxyethyl cellulose, propane, butane and isobutane.

(6) Pursuant to Article 6 of Directive 89/107/EEC the Scientific Committee on Food, established under Commission Decision 97/579/EC (5), has been consulted on the adoption of provisions liable to have an effect on public health,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Annexes of Directive 95/2/EC are amended as set out in the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

1. Member States shall adopt the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 31 August 2000 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

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(1) OJ L 40, 11.2.1989, p.27.
1. In Annex I:
   (a) The following additives are inserted in the table:
       'E 467 Ethyl hydroxyethyl cellulose
       E 949 Hydrogen *
   (b) In point 3 of the note, the substance 'E 949' is inserted in the text corresponding to the explanation of symbol *.

2. In Annex II:
   The following row is added:
   | Peeled and cut ready-to-eat carrots | E 401 Sodium alginate | quantum satis |

3. In Annex IV:
   (a) The following is added to the row for E 445: Glycerol esters of wood rosin:
   | Spirit drinks in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks (*) | 100 mg/l |
   | Spirit drinks containing less than 15% alcohol by volume | 100 mg/l |
   (b) The following rows are added:
   | E 650 | Zinc acetate | Chewing gum | 1 000 mg/kg |
   | E 943a | Butane | Vegetable oil pan spray (for professional use only) | quantum satis |
   | E 943b | Isobutane | | |
   | E 944 | Propane | Water-based emulsion sprays | |

4. In Annex V, the first row is replaced by the following:
   | E 1520 | Propan-1,2-diol (propylene glycol) | Colours, emulsifiers, anti-oxidant and enzymes (maximum 1 g/kg in the foodstuff) |