

COUNCIL DECISION

of 29 April 1999

amending Decision 93/383/EEC on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins

(1999/312/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Article 1

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Decision 93/383/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

Having regard to the opinions of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

1. Article 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 3

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

The "Laboratorio de biotoxinas marinas del Area de Sanidad" in Vigo is hereby designated as the Community reference laboratory for the monitoring of marine biotoxins.'

(1) Whereas Article 3 of Decision 93/383/EEC ⁽⁴⁾ establishes the national reference laboratory for the monitoring of marine biotoxins; whereas the said laboratory has changed its name; whereas it is therefore necessary to amend Article 3 accordingly;

2. The following indent shall be added to Article 4:

'— helping the national reference laboratories to implement an appropriate system of quality assurance based on the principles of good laboratory practice (GLP) and the EN 45 000 criteria;'

(2) Whereas Decision 93/383/EEC does not include a procedure for speedy revision of its Annex; whereas provision should therefore be made for the possibility of the Commission to revise this Annex following a notification made by a Member State;

3. The following Article shall be inserted after Article 5:

'Article 5a

The Commission shall amend the Annex to this Decision where necessary following any notification submitted to it by a Member State concerning its national reference laboratory for the monitoring of marine biotoxins.

(3) Whereas the Annex to Decision 93/383/EEC establishes the list of national reference laboratories designated by each Member State for the monitoring of marine biotoxins;

The Commission shall publish the list of the national reference laboratories and any updates to it in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

(4) Whereas the laboratories originally designated by Belgium, Finland, Germany, Greece, Spain, Italy, the United Kingdom and Sweden as national reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins no longer fulfil the functions for which they were designated or have in the meantime changed their name; whereas the Annex to Decision 93/383/EEC should be amended accordingly to take account of notifications submitted by the Member States concerning national reference laboratories,

Article 2

The Annex to Decision 93/383/EEC shall be replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 331, 6.11.1996, p. 12 and OJ C 189, 20.6.1997, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 200, 30.6.1997, p. 257 and opinion of 13 April 1999 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ C 66, 3.3.1997, p. 47.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 166, 8.7.1993, p. 31.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 29 April 1999.

For the Council
The President
W. MÜLLER

ANNEX

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