

COMMISSION DECISION
of 21 November 2002

amending Decision 94/652/EC as regards updating the inventory of tasks to be undertaken within the framework of cooperation by Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/916/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 93/5/EEC of 25 February 1993 on assistance to the Commission and cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the fourth indent of Article 3(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 94/458/EC of 29 June 1994 ⁽²⁾ lays down rules on the administrative management of cooperation in the scientific examination of questions relating to food.
- (2) Commission Decision 94/652/EC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2001/773/EC ⁽⁴⁾, establishes the inventory and distribution of tasks to be undertaken within the framework of cooperation by Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food.
- (3) The updating of the inventory of tasks should take account of the need for the protection of public health within the Community and the requirements of Community legislation in the foodstuffs sector.

- (4) The tasks should be distributed having regard to the scientific expertise and resources available within the Member States, and in particular the institutes which will be participating in the scientific cooperation.
- (5) Decision 94/652/EC should be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 94/652/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 November 2002.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 52, 4.3.1993, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 189, 23.7.1994, p. 84.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 253, 29.9.1994, p. 29.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 290, 7.11.2001, p. 9.

ANNEX

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Inventory of tasks to be undertaken by Member States within the framework of cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food

Subject, nature and extent of the task	Member States to which the task is distributed	Time limit for completion
<p>1. Flavouring substances</p> <p>1.1. Chemically defined flavouring substances as listed in the register in the Annex to Commission Decision 1999/217/EC of 23 February 1999:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — to prepare reports for the safety evaluation of chemically defined flavouring substances according to the evaluation programme referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2232/96, — to establish and maintain a physical and electronic archive of the available toxicological and exposure data for the substances concerned. 	<p align="center">Denmark (coordinator)</p> <p align="center">Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom</p>	<p align="center">31 May 2005</p>
<p>3. Contaminants</p> <p>3.1. <i>General questions</i></p> <p>3.1.1. <i>Unscheduled and urgent questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — to coordinate the collection of data in the Member States required for risk assessment by the Scientific Committee for Food in response to unscheduled and urgent questions related to food contaminants <p>3.2. <i>Specific questions</i></p> <p>3.2.9. Collection and collation of data on levels of 3-monochloropropanediol (3-MCPD) and related substances in foodstuffs.</p> <p>3.2.10. Collection of occurrence data of fusarium toxins in food and assessment of dietary intake by the population of EU Member States.</p> <p>3.2.11. Assessment of the dietary exposure to lead, cadmium, mercury and arsenic of the population of the EU Member States.</p> <p>3.2.12. Collection of occurrence data on polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons in food.</p> <p>3.2.13. Assessment of the dietary exposure to organotin compounds of the population of the EU Member States.</p>	<p align="center">Italy, United Kingdom (joint coordinators)</p> <p align="center">All the Member States (*)</p> <p align="center">Sweden, United Kingdom (joint coordinators)</p> <p align="center">Denmark, Germany, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Austria, Finland (*)</p> <p align="center">Germany (coordinator)</p> <p align="center">Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom (*)</p> <p align="center">Italy, Sweden (joint coordinators)</p> <p align="center">Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, United Kingdom (*)</p> <p align="center">France (coordinator)</p> <p align="center">Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, United Kingdom (*)</p> <p align="center">Italy (coordinator)</p> <p align="center">Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, France, Netherlands (*)</p>	<p align="center">31 December 2002</p> <p align="center">31 October 2002</p> <p align="center">28 February 2003</p> <p align="center">31 December 2002</p> <p align="center">30 April 2003</p> <p align="center">31 December 2002</p>
<p>8. Packaging materials</p> <p>8.1. Preparation of summary data sheets or reports for the risk assessment of the substances used for or present in food contact materials.</p>	<p align="center">Netherlands (coordinator)</p> <p align="center">Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom (*)</p>	<p align="center">31 December 2002</p>

(*) Norway participates in this task.