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(Preparatory Acts)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Opinion on:

- the proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending for the first time Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks and aromatized wine-product cocktails, and
- the proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending for the first time Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks ⁽¹⁾

(92/C 169/01)

On 19 December 1991 the Council decided to consult the Economic and Social Committee, under Articles 43 and 100 A of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, on the abovementioned proposals.

The Section for Protection of the Environment, Public Health and Consumer affairs, which was responsible for preparing the Committee's work on the matter, adopted its Opinion on 3 April 1992. The Rapporteur was Mr Schnieders, Co-Rapporteurs Mr Bottazzi and Mrs Gredal.

At its 296th Plenary Session (meeting of 29 April 1992), the Economic and Social Committee adopted the following Opinion unanimously.

The Committee agrees with the Commission's proposal to prohibit the use of lead-based capsules and foil on containers for various drinks as from 1 January 1993, and to allow a derogation whereby existing stocks may be used up.

Done at Brussels, 29 April 1992.

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of the Economic and Social Committee*

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 69, 18. 3. 1992, p. 11, 12.