

**Opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive on fruit juices and certain similar products
(consolidated text)**

(92/C 313/11)

On 1 July 1992 the Council decided to consult the Economic and Social Committee, under Article 100 A of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, on the abovementioned proposal.

The Section for Agriculture and Fisheries, which was responsible for preparing the Committee's work on the subject, adopted its Opinion on 10 September 1992. The Rapporteur was Mr Margalef Masia.

At its 299th Plenary Session (meeting of 23 September 1992), the Economic and Social Committee unanimously adopted the following Opinion.

The Committee approves the Commission's move, in accordance with its Decision of 1 April 1987, to issue a consolidated version of Directive 75/726/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning fruit juices and certain similar products.

The Committee welcomes this step, which will make it easier for people with a direct interest in the relevant Community legislation to consult legislative texts that would otherwise be difficult to follow.

The Committee therefore urges the Council to adopt the consolidated version forthwith.

The Committee would also point out that some parts of the existing texts are out of date and should be reviewed separately in the light of current practices. For instance, in Article 4(1)(b) asbestos is still permitted as a filtering agent. This is hardly in line with current perceptions of health risks.

Done at Brussels, 23 September 1992.

The Chairman
of the Economic and Social Committee
Michael GEUENICH
