

**Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients (Recast)**

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On 8 April 2008 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

*Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients (Recast).*

Since the Committee endorses the contents of the proposal and has already set out its views on the subject in its earlier opinions: CES 522/84, adopted on 23.5.1984 (\*), CES 633/92, adopted on 26.5.1992 (\*\*), CES 230/94, adopted on 23.2.1994 (\*\*\*), CES 1385/96, adopted on 27.11.1996 (\*\*\*\*), CESE 1599/2003, adopted on 10.12.2003 (\*\*\*\*\*), it decided, at its 445<sup>th</sup> plenary session of 28 and 29 May 2008 (meeting of 29 May 2008), by 85 votes with 4 abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text and to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned documents.

The opinion of the Committee on the regulatory procedure with scrutiny is currently under preparation [COM(2007) 741 final, COM(2007) 822 final, COM(2007) 824 final and COM(2008) 71 final].

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The President  
of the European Economic and Social Committee  
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(\*) EESC opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients, OJ C 206 of 6.8.1984, p. 7.

(\*\*) EESC opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive amending for the first time Council Directive 88/344/EEC of 13 June 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients, OJ C 223 of 31.8.1992, p. 23.

(\*\*\*) EESC opinion on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending for the second time Council Directive 88/344, of 13 June 1988, on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients, OJ C 133 of 16.5.1994, p. 21.

(\*\*\*\*) EESC opinion on the 'Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending for the third time Council Directive 88/344/CEE on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients', OJ C 66 of 3.3.1997, p. 3.

(\*\*\*\*\*) EESC opinion on the 'Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients, OJ C 80 of 30.3.2004, p. 45.