

Food safety, human health protection: common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings

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The European Parliament voted, in second reading, a consolidated text which contains a number of amendments to the text of the common position. The text is the result of negotiations between the Council, the EP and the Commission. All amendments are mainly of technical nature and are in line with and strengthen the key principles of the initial proposal, namely the transparency of the procedure and the environmental aspects in the food legislation.

The most important amendment concerns the introduction of a recital which clarifies that, in the future, derogations to the common authorisation procedure can be introduced in individual sectoral texts to allow for preferential authorisation under certain conditions. Another amendment increases the deadline for EFSA to perform the safety assessment of a substance from six to nine months.

The Commission **accepts all the amendments** voted by the European Parliament and amends its proposal as set out above.