

Foodstuffs, labelling: coffee and chicory extracts (simplify Directive 77/436/EEC)

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The Commission is unable to accept any of the three amendments proposed by the European Parliament: - two of these amendments reintroduce provisions on pre-packaging ranges. The Commission is opposed to these as they do not belong in the proposed directive but constitute an issue which should instead be examined within the context of general Directive 80/232/EEC on ranges. - the third amendment introduces a reference to standard ISO 11292 on methods of determining the carbohydrate content of instant coffee. The Commission believes the ISO standard should remain voluntary. Since this question is linked to the adaptation of methods of analysis, the Commission has undertaken to adopt the existing methods for coffee and chicory extracts.