

Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	1995/0251(COD) Procedure completed
Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC)	
Subject 3.10.10 Foodstuffs, foodstuffs legislation 4.60.04.04 Food safety	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		
	Former committee responsible		
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	Former committee for opinion		
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Environment	1978	09/12/1996
	Environment	1939	26/06/1996
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	1929	28/05/1996

Key events			
18/10/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0482	Summary
27/10/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
21/02/1996	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
12/03/1996	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0109/1996	Summary
25/06/1996	Council position published	07723/3/1996	Summary
19/09/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
24/09/1996	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		

23/10/1996	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0512/1996	Summary
09/12/1996	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
19/12/1996	Final act signed		
19/12/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/02/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0251(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 100; Rules of Procedure EP 66_o-p4; Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/07995

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0482	18/10/1995	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0109/1996 OJ C 096 01.04.1996, p. 0015-0024	12/03/1996	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0406/1996 OJ C 174 17.06.1996, p. 0001	27/03/1996	ESC	Summary
Council position	07723/3/1996 OJ C 315 24.10.1996, p. 0012	25/06/1996	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1996)1244	02/07/1996	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0512/1996 OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0049-0057	23/10/1996	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Directive 1996/83 OJ L 048 19.02.1997, p. 0016 Summary

Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC)

OBJECTIVE: to amend Directive 94/35/EC in order to take account of technical developments, with a view to allowing the use of sweeteners which are already authorized in certain new categories of foodstuffs, whose use has previously not been permitted. SUBSTANCE: - the conditions for the use of sweeteners, which are laid down in Directive 94/35/EC, are not amended; - no new sweetener is added to the list; - addition of certain technical articles (definition of "quantum satis", introduction of the "carry over" clause) in order to harmonize the legal wording of Directive 94/35/EC with that of other directives on additives; - reformulation of those categories of foodstuffs in which the use of sweeteners is authorized, and which have been the subject of controversy, in particular the category "vitamins and dietary preparations" which is amended to read "food supplements/diet integrators (such as vitamins and mineral elements), whether syrup-type or chewable". ?

Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC)

The European Parliament approved the proposal for a directive. ?

Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC)

The Committee approves the Commission proposal which, without changing its restrictive policy on sweeteners, updates the list of foodstuffs in which their use is authorized. The Committee fully supports the technical amendments made to Directive 94/35/EC and recommends that the Commission stick to one single method in printing the names of additives. It does, however, express some reservations about the cumbersome procedure adopted for a simple adaptation of the list. It therefore proposes consulting the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs, whose opinion must be adopted by a qualified majority, and resorting to a directive only where this method fails.?

Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC)

The common position adopted by the Council restricted the carry-over principle. The presence of sweeteners is permitted only in compound foodstuffs which do not contain added sugar or are energy-reduced, in compound dietary foodstuffs intended for a low-calorie diet and in compound foodstuffs with a long shelf-life. Certain categories of foodstuffs have also been defined more precisely in order to limit yet further the use of sweeteners. The category 'high-fibre breakfast cereals', in particular, is limited to prevent children from consuming excessive doses of sweeteners. ?

Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC)

The Commission approved the common position, which was compatible with the objectives of the initial proposal.?

Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC)

Parliament approved the common position of the Council without making any amendments. ?

Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC)

OBJECTIVE: to permit the use in foodstuffs of certain sweeteners which are currently on the market but not listed in the annex to Directive 94/35/EC. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Directive 96/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/35/EC on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs. SUBSTANCE: the purpose of the Directive is to permit the presence of sweeteners in foodstuffs consisting of two or more ingredients which contain sweeteners; it introduces a definition of 'quantum satis' in accordance with the provisions of the other food additives Directives. The Directive also applies to foodstuffs for particular uses as defined in Directive 89/398/EEC. Sweeteners cannot be used in foodstuffs intended for infants and young children as referred to in Directive 89/398/EEC. Moreover, the presence of sweeteners is permitted only in compound foodstuffs which do not contain added sugar or are energy-reduced, in compound dietary foodstuffs intended for a low-calorie diet and in compound foodstuffs with a long shelf-life. In the annex, the category 'vitamins and dietary preparations' is amended to read 'food supplements/diet integrators based on vitamins and/or mineral elements, syrup-type or chewable'. Member States must amend their legislation so as to: -authorize trade in products which conform to the Directive by 19/12/1997; -prohibit trade in products not conforming to the Directive from 19/06/1998. DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 26/02/1997.?