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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

amending Council Decision 93/383/EEC of 14 June 1993 on reference laboratories for the
monitoring of marine biotoxins

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In order to ensure the application of the provisions of Council Directive 91/492/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and placing on the market of live bivalve molluscs⁽¹⁾ and Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and placing on the market of fishery products⁽²⁾, in particular as regards the monitoring of marine biotoxins, each Member State must designate a national reference laboratory responsible for coordinating the necessary analyses. In 1993 the United Kingdom designated the laboratory of the Torry Research Station as national reference laboratory for marine biotoxins. The Annex to Council Decision 93/383/EEC on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins⁽³⁾ establishes the list of national reference laboratories designated by each Member State. Since the United Kingdom has informed the Commission that the laboratory at the Torry Research Station is suspending its activities and that the Marine Laboratory will become national reference laboratory in its place, the Annex to Council Decision 93/383/EEC must be amended accordingly.

Decision 93/383/EEC does not include a procedure for the speedy amendment of its Annex where this is needed. In the event of Member States presenting further amendments to the list of national reference laboratories, it is proposed that a clause should be inserted for the revision of the Annex by the Commission on a request from a Member State.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 166, 8.7.1993, p. 31.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee⁽³⁾,

Whereas the Annex to Council Decision 93/383/EEC of 14 June 1993 on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins⁽⁴⁾ establishes the list of national reference laboratories designated by each Member State for the monitoring of marine biotoxins;

Whereas Decision 93/383/EEC does not include a procedure for speedy revision of its Annex;

Whereas the laboratory of the Torry Research Station, Aberdeen, designated in 1993 by the United Kingdom as its national reference reference laboratory for the monitoring of marine biotoxins, is suspending its activities;

Whereas the United Kingdom has designated the Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen, as its national reference laboratory for the monitoring of marine biotoxins;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C

⁽²⁾ OJ No C

⁽³⁾ OJ No C

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 166, 8.7.1993, p. 31.

Whereas the Annex to Decision 93/383/EEC should be amended accordingly; whereas provision should be made for a procedure for the revision of this Annex by the Commission on a request from a Member State,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Council Decision 93/383/EEC of 14 June 1993 on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins is hereby amended as follows:

- The following Article 6 is inserted after Article 5:

" Article 6

The Commission shall amend the Annex to this Decision where necessary following notification by a Member State of a change of national reference laboratory for the monitoring of marine biotoxins."

- Article 6 becomes Article 7.

Article 2

The Annex to Council Decision 93/383/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

"United Kingdom:

- Marine Laboratory
PO Box 101, Victoria Road
Aberdeen AB11 9DB - UNITED KINGDOM"

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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