

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE

to modify certain directives concerning the approximation
of the laws of Member States relating to foodstuffs insofar
as concerns the majority quorum of votes within the
procedure provided for the functioning of
the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Accession of Greece to the European Economic Community necessitates the amendment of the number of votes which constitute the majority quorum of votes under the procedure of the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs for which provision is made in every directive relating to the approximation of the laws of Member States concerning foodstuffs.

The majority quorum of votes will change from the forty one votes to forty five votes because of the Accession of the new Member State.

The Act of Accession provides in Annex I, under the heading concerning the approximation of legislations, a list of most of the directives adopted by the Council, concerning foodstuffs, in which the majority quorum of votes is to be taken to have been so amended. Nevertheless, by an omission, Council Directive 76/893/EEC dated 23 November 1976¹ relating to the approximation of the laws of Member States concerning materials and objects intended to come into contact with foodstuffs, was not included in this list.

Moreover, following the signing of the Act of Accession two other directives were adopted by the Council, namely Directive 79/693/EEC² of 24 July 1979 concerning the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and chestnut purée as well as Directive 80/777/EEC³ of 15 July 1980 concerning the approximation of the legislations of Member States relating to the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters.

The objective of this proposal for a directive is to modify in the three directives cited above, the majority quorum of votes, in a manner which will permit the proper functioning of the procedure of the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs for which provision is made in the directives.

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¹OJ No. L 340 of 9.12.1976, p. 19
²OJ No. L 205 of 13.8.1979, p. 5
³OJ No. L 229 of 30.8.1980, p. 1

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Proposal for a Directive to modify certain directives concerning the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to foodstuffs insofar as concerns the majority quorum of votes within the procedure provided for the functioning of the Standing Committee of Foodstuffs

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Greece and in particular Article 146 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission,

Whereas, on account of the accession of Greece to the European Economic Community it is necessary to change the number of votes which constitute a majority quorum of votes within the procedure for the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs provided for in Article 10 of directive 76/893/EEC¹, in Article 13 of directive 79/693/EEC² and in Article 12 of directive 80/777/EEC³;

HAS ADOPTED THE PRESENT DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

In Article 10(2) of directive No. 76/893/EEC "forty one" shall be replaced by "forty five" with effect from the 1 January 1981.

Article 2

In Article 13(2) of directive No. 79/693/EEC "forty one" shall be replaced by "forty five" with effect from the 1 January 1981.

Article 3

In Article 12(2) of directive No. 80/777/EEC "forty one" shall be replaced by "forty five" with effect from the 1 January 1981.

¹OJ No. L 340 of 9.12.1976, p. 19
²OJ No. L 205 of 13.8.1979, p. 5
³OJ No. L 229 of 30.8.1980, p. 7

Article 4

This directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at

For the Council

The President

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