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Introduction

The imminence of the deadline for the single market project make the moment particularly opportune to direct attention towards consumer protection and public health.

Neither of these topics, *stricto sensu*, forms part of the European Community Treaties, and the topics therefore can, and have been, interpreted as matters strictly for multilateral cooperation between Member States. However, the operation of the common agricultural policy, the principle of free movement of goods, services, capital and people within the Community and the ramifications of coordinated social and employment policies (particularly in the coal and steel industries) enunciated in the EEC Treaties,¹ imply a true Community dimension for consumer protection and public health.

Despite this fact, and despite the efforts of the Commission, the Parliament and consumer interest groups, consumer protection and public health have so far maintained a fairly low profile at European Community level.

For a unified market to operate, mutually accepted standards must exist with regard to the quality and safety of goods and services. Differing standards between Member States, if not mutually accepted, could constitute non-tariff barriers to trade.

The EEC Treaty stipulates in Article 30 that:

‘quantitative restrictions on imports and all measures having equivalent effect shall, without prejudice to the following provisions, be prohibited between Member States’.

Article 36 states that:

‘the provisions of Article 30 shall not preclude prohibitions or restrictions on imports, exports or goods in transit justified on the grounds of public morality, public policy or public security: the protection of health and life of humans, animals or plants; the protection of national treasures possessing artistic, historic or archaeological value or the protection of industrial and commercial property. Such prohibitions or restrictions

shall not, however, constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between Member States’.

Despite the last sentence of Article 36, the article has sometimes been used in ways quite at variance with the spirit of the Treaties, resulting in a concealed form of protectionism. For this reason the ‘common market’ as originally envisaged never fully materialized.

Since the Single European Act does not modify or replace Articles 30 to 36 of the EEC Treaty, one may justifiably ask why its introduction should make the creation of a true single market any more realizable than it has been up to now.

There are three reasons for optimism stemming from the SEA itself:

Firstly, the Single European Act, in contrast to the rather vague wording of Article 30 of the EEC Treaty and the loopholes afforded by Article 36, is very specific in laying down the goal of achievement of the single internal market by 1993. This goal is, moreover, precisely defined for the first time in Article 8a of the Single Act:

‘the internal market shall comprise an area without internal frontiers in which the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital is ensured in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty’.

The above precise definition of the internal market makes it clear that many of the provisions of the Single European Act concern consumer protection, even though the SEA does not devote (as it does for environment policy) a new article to it.

The second ground for optimism is that the Single European Act modifies the Community decision-making process for those measures concerned with the creation of the internal market in a way favourable to the efficiency of the legislative process and favourable also to an extension of Parliament’s influence.

The new Article 100a introduced by the SEA introduces majority voting in the Council of Ministers for measures concerned with ‘the establishment and functioning of the internal market’.

Since most national consumer protection measures involve goods, persons, services and capital, they relate to the functioning and establishment of the internal market and therefore the Single Act cooperation procedure with the European Parliament applies.

¹ Articles 30 to 36.

The possibility exists also for Parliament to extend its influence with regard to consumer protection and public health measures even where such measures are proposed under a different article of the Treaties, by exerting pressure on the Commission to use one of the articles invoking the cooperation procedure as the legal base of the proposal.

Article 100a(3) makes it clear that the new procedure shall include harmonization of consumer-protection (and, tangentially, public-health) measures, by stating:

‘... the Commission, in its proposals ... concerning health, safety, environmental protection and consumer protection, will take as a base a high level of protection’.

The third, and possibly most important, ground for optimism that the ‘common market’ will finally be realized is the principle of ‘mutual recognition’ enunciated in the Single European Act.

Article 100b of the SEA states that:

‘...during 1992 the Commission shall, together with each Member State, draw up an inventory of national laws, regulations and administrative provisions which

fall under Article 100a and which have not been harmonized pursuant to that article’,

and further that:

‘the Council, acting in accordance with the provisions of Article 100a, may decide that the provisions in force in a Member State must be recognized as being equivalent to those applied by another Member State’.

In addition to the principles outlined by the SEA, case-law of the Court of Justice has already established precedents for the mutual recognition of standards.

Mutual recognition implies a Member State recognizing that standards and norms established by other Member States are equivalent to its own.

In summary, the combined effects of the Treaty modifications by the Single European Act and the goal of creating a single market should ensure that consumer protection and public health assume at Community level a higher profile than they have up to now.

Elfi Schoener
Director

Aims

The aim of this research and documentation paper,¹ produced by the Division for Social Affairs, Environment, Consumer Protection and Public Health of the Directorate-General for Research, is to list and describe, in a single publication, all EC Directives which can be considered to concern consumer protection and public health.

The guide uses as its basis the *'Directory of Community legislation in force'* published every six months by the Commission. The Directory contains a section entitled 'Environment and consumers', but this is rather narrowly defined and there are many EC legislative acts which concern consumer protection and public health, but which are to be found under other headings such as 'Competition policy', 'Freedom of movement', 'Social policy', 'Agriculture' and so on.

Furthermore, the Commission's Directory does not give a summary of the content of each Directive.

Two recent reports by the European Parliament's Committee for Environment, Consumer Protection and Public Health have underlined the difficulty in monitoring implementation at national level of EC Directives.

Both the Collins report on the implementation of water directives and the Alber report on the implementation of air-pollution directives have underlined the shortcomings of the present approach to the monitoring of the implementation of European Community law.

The Commission's legal service relies upon information voluntarily provided by the Member State governments as to whether the provisions of EC directives have been incorporated into national law. This approach has a number of flaws.

Firstly, it is not certain that all Member States provide the same quantity or quality of information.

Secondly, the only form of European Community legislative act which is directly applicable in the Member States is a Regulation, and Regulations are almost

exclusively limited to the common agricultural policy. Most other Community legislation is in the form of Directives.

A Directive is not a legal text to be directly applied in the Member States, but a text which sets out the ends to be achieved. The means of achieving those ends is left to the Member States themselves.

There is a difference of approach from one Member State to another, according to the legal traditions and practices which have evolved. As a result, some Member States incorporate the essence of a Directive into the corpus of national law, whereas other Member States use different instruments such as departmental or ministerial circulars, codes of practice, etc. There is no consistent country-by-country pattern; all depends upon the nature of the Directive and the characteristics of the existing national system in that field of activity.

Even where the Member State passes into law the relevant provisions of a Directive, this often involves not the simple passage of a new law corresponding to the Directive, but the modification of many existing laws to conform to the requirements of the Directive. In such cases, the resultant plethora of additions and amendments to existing laws is extremely difficult to monitor with any degree of accuracy.

Thirdly, the Commission's monitoring of EC Directives only goes as far as the adoption of relevant laws by the Member State (and then only when there is deemed to be a problem in implementation). The Commission cannot pursue the matter as far as the extent of implementation of national law.

This latter task by its very nature can be best performed by those individuals and organizations who have a particular interest in the application of the legislation concerned at the point at which the legislation is supposed to have effect. At this level, the question to be asked is crucially different from the question put by the Commission to the Member States.

The Commission asks, for example, 'Have the provisions of the Directive on permitted colouring matter in foodstuffs been transposed into Belgian law?' The interest groups, local administrations and MEPs ask a much more direct and ultimately pertinent question, namely: 'Are colouring matters in Belgian foodstuffs being used in conformity with the pertinent EC Directive?'

¹ Produced in three volumes: (1) Foodstuffs and related legislation; (2) Other goods and services; (3) Public health and medicines.

In order for this latter question to be asked, the text of EC Directives must be available in a form which is comprehensible to the interested layman.

As a first step towards this aim, this document provides a comprehensive overview of existing Directives in the particular field of consumer protection and public

health, with a short summary of each Directive and a list of all the amending Directives pertaining to it.

The guide is up to date to the end of 1990.

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DIRECTIVES AND REGULATIONS

Directive on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine

64/432/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| L 121 p. 1977 29.7.1964 | 364L0432 | EEC; Art.43, Art.100 | 26.6.1964 | No | OJ C 61, p. 1254 19.4.1963 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 66/600 | (L 192, 27.10.1966, p. 3294) | | | | OJ 1966, 130, p. 2466 |
| (2) 71/285 | (L 179, 9.8.1971, p. 1) | | | | Ref. not known |
| (3) 72/97 | (L 038, 12.2.1972, p. 95) | | | | Ref. not known |
| (4) 72/445 | (L 298, 31.12.1972, p. 49) | | | | No opinion |
| (5) 72/462 | (L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28) | | | | No opinion |
| (6) 75/379 | (L 172, 3.7.1975, p. 17) | | | | OJ 1975, C 111, p. 26 |
| (7) 77/98 | (L 026, 31.1.1977, p. 81) | | | | OJ 1977, C 6, p. 141 |
| (8) 79/109 | (L 029, 3.2.1979, p. 20) | | | | OJ 1977, C 266, p. 45 |
| (9) 79/111 | (L 029, 3.2.1979, p. 26) | | | | Del. on 19.1.1979 |
| (10) 80/775 | (L 224, 27.8.1980, p. 14) | | | | No opinion |
| (11) 80/219 | (L 047, 21.2.1980, p. 25) | | | | OJ 1980, C 34, p. 109 |
| (12) 80/1098 | (L 325, 1.12.1980, p. 11) | | | | OJ 1980, C 175, p. 79 |
| (13) 80/1102 | (L 325, 1.12.1980, p. 18) | | | | OJ 1979, C 140, p. 128 |
| (14) 80/1274 | (L 375, 31.12.1980, p. 75) | | | | No opinion |
| (15) 81/476 | (L 186, 8.7.1981, p. 20) | | | | Del. on 19.6.1981 |
| (16) 82/61 | (L 029, 6.2.1982, p. 13) | | | | Del. on 22.1.1982 |
| (17) 82/893 | (L 378, 31.12.1982, p. 57) | | | | Del. on 17.12.1982 |
| (18) 83/642 | (L 358, 22.12.1983, p. 41) | | | | No opinion |
| (19) 83/646 | (L 360, 23.12.1983, p. 44) | | | | OJ 1983, C 13, p. 211 |
| (20) 84/646 | (L 177, 4.7.1984, p. 22) | | | | OJ 1984, C 172, p. 185 |
| (21) 84/643 | (L 339, 27.12.1984, p. 27) | | | | OJ 1984, C 172, p. 185 |
| (22) 84/644 | (L 339, 27.12.1984, p. 30) | | | | OJ 1983, C 342, p. 117 |
| (23) 85/320 | (L 168, 28.6.1985, p. 36) | | | | OJ 1985, C 12, p. 127 |
| (24) 85/586 | (L 372, 31.12.1985, p. 44) | Accession of Spain and Portugal | | | No opinion |
| (25) 85/3768 | (L 362, 31.12.1985, p. 8) | (voting procedures) | | | No opinion |
| (26) 87/231 | (L 99, 11.4.1987, p. 18) | | | | OJ 1987, C 76, p. 169 |
| (27) 87/489 | (L 280, 3.10.1987, p. 28) | report to Council | | | OJ 1987, C 76, p. 169 |

Summary

The Directive approximates the animal health provisions of the Member States setting out the requirements that must be satisfied before bovine animals and swine are sent from one Member State to another. The animals must be accompanied during transportation by a health certificate conforming to Annex F which shall be drawn up on the day of loading, in the language of the country of destination at least, and be valid for 10 days. Each country of destination may prohibit the introduction of bovine animals and swine if an examination made at the frontier post by an official veterinarian reveals that the animals are suspected of being affected by a compulsorily notifiable disease or that the provisions of the Directive have not been observed. The animals must be returned to the consignor provided this is not contrary to considerations of health. The consignor may appeal against such a decision to refuse entry to animals and call for the opinion of an independent veterinary expert from a panel drawn up by the Commission.

Directive on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat

64/433/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| L 121 p. 2012 29.7.1964 | 364L0433 | EEC; Art.43, Art.100 | 26.6.1964 | No | OJ C 134, p. 2871 1962 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 66/601 | (P 192, 27.10.1966, p. 3302) | | | | Ref. not known |
| (2) 69/349 | (L 256, 11.10.1969, p. 5) | | | | Ref. not known |
| (3) 71/285 | (L 179, 9.8.1971, p. 1) | | | | Ref. not known |
| (4) 72/462 | (L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28) | | | | Ref. not known |
| (5) 75/379 | (L 172, 3.7.1975, p. 17) | | | | OJ 1975, C 111, p. 26 |
| (6) 81/476 | (L 186, 8.7.1981, p. 20) | | | | Del. on 19.6.1981 |
| (7) 83/90 | (L 59, 5.3.1983, p. 10) | | | | OJ 1982, C 267, p. 51 |
| (8) 85/446 | (L 260, 2.10.1985, p. 19) | Commission decision | | | No opinion |
| (9) 85/323 | (L 168, 28.6.1985, p. 43) | | | | OJ 1985, C 46, p. 94 |
| (10) 85/325 | (L 168, 28.6.1985, p. 47) | | | | OJ 1985, C 46, p. 94 |
| (11) 85/586 | (L 372, 31.12.1985, p. 44) | Accession of Spain and Portugal | | | No opinion |
| (12) 85/3768 | (L 362, 31.12.1985, p. 8) | Accession of Spain and Portugal | | | No opinion |
| (13) 86/587 | (L 339, 2.12.1986, p. 26) | | | | No opinion |
| (14) 87/562 | (L 341, 3.12.1987, p. 35) | (some German derogations) | | | No opinion |
| (15) 87/3805 | (L 357, 19.12.1987, p. 1) | (Greek abbreviations) | | | Del. on 20.11.1987 |
| (16) 88/235 | (L 105, 26.4.1988, p. 20) | | | | No opinion |
| (17) 88/288 | (L 124, 18.5.1988, p. 28) | | | | OJ 1987, C 156, p. 190 |

Summary

This Directive lays down the sanitary conditions of fresh meat in slaughterhouses and cutting premises, applicable as of 1.1.1985.

The Directive provides for inspection of slaughterhouses and cutting premises by veterinarians, and lays down the criteria for approved slaughterhouses, and for action on meat that does not comply with the requirements of the Directive.

A Member State complaining of non-observance of requirements may be permitted to prohibit the import of affected meat after reference to the Standing Veterinary Committee, following procedures laid down in the Directive.

Directive on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat

71/118/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| L 55, p. 23 8.3.1971 | 371L0118 | EEC; Art.43, Art.100 | 15.2.1971 | No | OJ C 109, p. 1721 9.7.1964 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 75/379 | (L 172, 3.7.1975, p. 17) | | | | OJ 1975, C 111, p. 26 |
| (2) 75/431 | (L 192, 24.7.1975, p. 6) | | | | OJ 1974, C 127, p. 29 |
| (3) 78/50 | (L 15, 19.1.1978, p. 28) | | | | OJ 1976, C 293, p. 70 |
| (4) 80/216 | (L 47, 21.2.1980, p. 8) | | | | OJ 1980, C 34, p. 106 |
| (5) 80/879 | (L 251, 24.9.1980, p. 10) | | | | No opinion |
| (6) 81/476 | (L 186, 8.7.1981, p. 20) | | | | Del. on 19.6.1981 |
| (7) 81/578 | (L 209, 29.7.1981, p. 35) | | | | Del. on 10.7.1981 |
| (8) 82/532 | (L 234, 9.8.1982, p. 12) | | | | OJ 1979, C 140, p. 180 OJ 1981, C 234, p. 99 OJ 1982, C 87, p. 116 |
| (9) 84/186 | (L 87, 30.4.1983, p. 27) | | | | OJ 1979, C 140, p. 180 OJ 1981, C 234, p. 99 OJ 1982, C 87, p. 116 |
| (10) 84/335 | (L 177, 4.7.1984, p. 20) | | | | OJ 1979, C 140, p. 180 OJ 1981, C 234, p. 99 OJ 1982, C 87, p. 116 |
| (11) 84/642 | (L 339, 27.12.1984, p. 26) | | | | OJ 1979, C 140, p. 180 |
| (12) 85/324 | (L 168, 28.6.1985, p. 45) | | | | OJ 1982, C 267, p. 59 |
| (13) 85/326 | (L 168, 28.6.1985, p. 48) | | | | OJ 1985, C 46, p. 94 |
| (14) 85/3768 | (L 362, 31.12.1985, p. 8) | | | | No opinion |
| (15) 87/3805 | (L 357, 19.12.1987, p. 1) (Greek abbreviations) | | | | Del. on 20.11.1987 |

Summary

The Directive approximates the health requirements of the Member States concerning poultrymeat and in particular standardizes hygiene requirements in respect of such meat in slaughterhouses and during storage and transportation.

The competent authorities remain responsible for approving slaughterhouses and cold stores with inspection entrusted to qualified assistants acting under the supervision of the official veterinarian. The Directive lays down minimum qualifications for such assistants. Meat exported to another Member State must be accompanied by a certificate signed by an official veterinarian stating that the consignment complies with this Directive.

The Directive states that if a Member State prohibits the importation of meat on health grounds the reasons for this should be made known to the consignor. If the consignor disputes the prohibition he may obtain the opinion of an expert selected from a panel drawn up by the Commission.

Disputes between Member States as to whether approval of a slaughterhouse was justified are to be settled under the emergency procedure within the Standing Veterinary Committee set up by the Council on 15.10.1968.

Directive on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat

72/461/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| L 302, p. 24 31.12.1972 | 372L0461 | EEC; Art.43, Art.100 | 12.12.1972 | No | Ref. not known |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 75/379 | (L 172, 3.7.1975, p. 17) | | | | OJ 1975, C 111, p. 26 |
| (2) 77/98 | (L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 81) | | | | OJ 1977, C 6, p. 141 |
| (3) 80/213 | (L 47, 21.1.1980, p. 1) | | | | OJ 1979, C 289, p. 42 |
| (4) 80/1099 | (L 325, 1.12.1980, p. 14) | | | | OJ 1980, C 175, p. 79 |
| (5) 81/476 | (L 186, 8.7.1981, p. 20) | | | | Del. on 19.6.1981 |
| (6) 82/893 | (L 378, 31.12.1982, p. 57) | | | | Del. on 17.12.1982 |
| (7) 83/646 | (L 360, 23.12.1983, p. 44) | | | | OJ 1983, C 13, p. 211 |
| (8) 84/336 | (L 177, 4.7.1984, p. 22) | | | | OJ 1984, C 172, p. 185 |
| (9) 84/643 | (L 339, 27.12.1984, p. 27) | | | | OJ 1984, C 172, p. 185 |
| (10) 85/322 | (L 168, 28.6.1985, p. 41) report to Council | | | | OJ 1985, C 12, p. 127 |
| (11) 87/231 | (L 99, 11.4.1987, p. 18) | | | | OJ 1987, C 76, p. 169 |
| (12) 87/64 | (L 34, 5.2.1987, p. 52) report to Council | | | | OJ 1985, C 175, p. 262 |
| (13) 87/489 | (L 280, 3.10.1987, p. 28) report to Council | | | | OJ 1987, C 76, p. 169 |

Summary

The Directive approximates the health requirements of the Member States concerning meat. The Directive stipulates that before meat can be consigned from one Member State to another the animals from which the meat came must have stayed for a specified, period within the Community unless an exception is granted by the country of destination.

To prevent the spread of diseases provision is made for areas which, in accordance with Community rules, have been placed under health restrictions, to be excluded from intra-Community trade.

The Member States are permitted to refuse entry to meat which does not comply with Community health rules, but must inform the consignor of the reasons for such refusal. In the event of an outbreak of disease Member States are given the right to restrict or prohibit imports of meats from the affected country. An emergency Community procedure is provided for, through the Standing Veterinary Committee, so that standardized protective measures can be taken throughout the Community.

Directive on health and veterinary problems upon importation of bovine animals, swine and fresh meat from third countries

72/462/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| L 302, p. 28 12.12.1972 | 372L0462 | EEC; Art.43, Art.100 | 12.12.1972 | No | Ref. not known |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 75/379 | (L 172, 3.7.1975, p. 17) | | | | OJ 1975, C 111, p. 26 |
| (2) 77/96 | (L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 67) | | | | No opinion |
| (3) 77/98 | (L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 81) | | | | Del. on 27.10.1976 |
| (4) 78/685 | (L 227, 18.8.1978, p. 32) | | | | No opinion |
| (5) 81/476 | (L 186, 8.7.1981, p. 20) | | | | OJ 1982, C 267, p. 54 |
| (6) 83/91 | (L 59, 5.3.1983, p. 34) | | | | OJ 1982, C 267, p. 59 |
| (7) 85/3768 | (L 362, 31.12.1985, p. 8) | | | | No opinion |
| (8) 86/469 | (L 275, 26.9.1986, p. 36) | | | | OJ 1982, C 267, p. 59 |
| (9) 87/64 | (L 34, 30.12.1986, p. 87) | | | | OJ 1986, C 120, p. 176 |
| (10) 88/289 | (L 124, 18.5.1988, p. 31) | | | | OJ 1987, L 34, p. 52 |
| | | | | | No opinion |

Summary

The Directive lays down the matters to be taken into account for the drawing up of a list of third countries, or parts of countries, authorized for the importation of said products.

The Directive specifies standards for slaughterhouses and for live animals imported into the Community and requires veterinary inspectors and frontier posts to ensure these standards. Member States shall not permit the importation of live animals that do not comply with health standards laid down. Fresh meat may only be imported from authorized sources.

The Directive also lays down criteria for certification of fresh meat.

Directive on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products

77/99/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| L 26, p. 85 1977 | 377L0099 | EEC; Art.43, Art.100 | 21.12.1976 | No | OJ C 114, p. 40 11.11.1970 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 80/214 | (L 47, 21.2.1980, p. 3) | | | | OJ 1979, C 289, p. 42 |
| (2) 81/476 | (L 186, 8.7.1981, p. 20) | | | | OJ 1981, L 186, p. 20 |
| (3) 83/201 | (L 112, 28.4.1983, p. 28) | | | | No opinion |
| (4) 85/327 | (L 168, 28.6.1985, p. 49) | | | | OJ 1985, C 46, p. 94 |
| (5) 85/328 | (L 168, 28.6.1985, p. 50) | | | | Del. on 14.6.1985 |
| (6) 85/586 | (L 372, 31.12.1985, p. 44) | Accession of Spain and Portugal | | | No opinion |
| (7) 85/3768 | (L362, 31.12.1985, p. 8) | | | | No opinion |
| (8) 87/3805 | (L357, 19.12.1987, p. 1) | | | | Del. on 20.11.1987 |

Summary

This Directive lays down health requirements for meat products intended for intra-Community trade and guidelines for treatments regarding the storage and transportation of meat products.

The Directive provides for checks on compliance with these requirements.

The Directive applies only to meat imported for human consumption.

Member States must prohibit the marketing of meat products that do not comply with said requirements; appeals against such action may be made. Equivalent provisions should be made for imports of meat products from third countries.

Directive on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products

80/215/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| L 47, p. 4 21.2.1980 | 380L0215 | EEC; Art.43, Art.100 | 22.1.1980 | No | OJ C 114, p. 40 11.11.1971 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 80/1100 | (L 325, 1.12.1980, p. 16) | | | | OJ 1980, C 175, p. 79 |
| (2) 81/476 | (L 186, 8.7.1981, p. 20) | | | | Del. on 19.6.1981 |
| (3) 85/321 | (L 168, 28.6.1985, p. 39) | | | | OJ 1985, C 12, p. 127 |
| (4) 85/3768 | (L 362, 31.12.1985, p. 8) | | | | No opinion |
| (5) 87/491 | (L 279, 2.10.1987, p. 27) | | | | OJ 1987, C 156, p. 183 |

Summary

This Directive lays down rules on the provision of health marks and health certificates in respect of the marketing of meat products between Member States.

Member States may prohibit the entry of such products that are not given the appropriate health marks/certificates, and provision for the destruction of the product is made.

Also, provisions are made to prohibit meat products affected by certain infectious diseases.

Directive concerning the prohibition of certain substances having a hormonal action and of any substances having a thyrostatic action

81/602/EEC
31.7.1981

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| L 222, p. 32 7.8.1981 | 381L0602 | EEC; Art.43, Art.100 | 31.7.1981 | No | OJ C 50, p. 87 9.3.1981 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 85/358 | (L 191, 23.7.1985, p. 46) | | | | OJ 1981, C 50, p. 87 |

Summary

This Directive prohibits the administering to farm animals of substances having a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic action.

It prohibits the placing on the market or slaughtering of animals to which said substances have been administered, or their meat, and prohibits the processing of such meat.

Article 3 prohibits the placing on the market of stilbenes, stilbene derivatives, salts and esters and thyrostatic substances for administering to animals.

Directive establishing exceptions from Council Directive 77/99/EEC for certain products which contain other foodstuffs and only a small percentage of meat or meat product

83/201/EEC
12.4.1983

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 112, p. 28 28.4.1983 | 383L0201 | Dir.77/ 99/EEC | 12.4.1983 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments (1) 83/577 (L 334, 15.11.1983, p.21) | | | | | No opinion |

Summary

This Directive lays down which provisions of Directive 77/99/EEC (on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products) shall not apply to certain products which contain other foodstuffs and only a small percentage of meat (calculated as not more than 10% of ingoing meat in relation to the final product). The amending Directive (83/577/EEC) provides that Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 1.6.1984.

Directive prohibiting the use in livestock farming of certain substances having a hormonal action

85/649/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| L 382, p. 228 31.12.1985 | 385L0649 | EEC Art.43 | 31.12.1985 | No | OJ C 288, p. 158 11.11.1985 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

Member States must ensure that no animals are despatched from their territory to that of another Member State which have had administered to them substances with a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic action, and that no meat from such animals is despatched. The Community stamp shall be reserved for untreated animals. Member States must prohibit the importation from third countries of meat from animals which have been treated with the aforementioned substances. Member States must implement this Directive by 1.1.1988 at the latest.

Directive concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues

86/469/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---|
| L 275, p. 36 26.9.1986 | 386L0469 | EEC Art.43 | 16.9.1986 | No | OJ C 267, p. 59, 1982 OJ C 120, p. 176, 1986 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| None | | | | | |

Summary

The Directive aims to eliminate distortions in trade caused by the different arrangements across the Member States for controls of animals and fresh meat for residues. Member States must ensure that examination of animals, their excrement and body fluids and of tissues and of fresh meat for the presence of residues is carried out in accordance with the detailed requirements set out in the Directive. Member States must submit a plan to the Commission setting out the national measures to be taken to achieve the aim of the Directive. Some parts of the Directive are to be implemented by the Member States by 1.4.1987, other parts by 31.12.1987 and the remainder by 31.12.1988.

Regulation on quality inspection of fruit and vegetables imported from third countries

80/63/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 121 p. 2137 3.8.1963 | 363R0080 | EEC; Reg.23/62 | 31.7.1963 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) | 372R2846 | (L 299, 31.12.1972, p. 1) | | | No opinion |
| (2) | 380R3481 | (L 363, 31.12.1980, p. 87) | | | No opinion |
| (3) | 385R1450 | (L 144, 1.6.1985, p. 51) | | | No opinion |
| (4) | 385R3811 | (L 368, 31.12.1985, p. 1) | Accession of Spain and Portugal | | No opinion |
| (5) | 386R2121 | (L 185, 8.7.1986, p. 10) | | | No opinion |
| (6) | 387R3075 | (L 291, 15.10.1987, p. 13) | | | No opinion |

Summary

The Regulation lays down methods for quality inspection for fruit and vegetables imported from third countries and lists the authorities appointed by each Member State to conduct quality inspection.

Regulation laying down common quality standards for asparagus and cucumbers

183/64/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 192 p. 3217 25.11.1964 | 364R0183 | EEC; Reg.23/ 62 | 17.11.1964 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) Reg. 921/71 | (L 100, 5.5.1971, p. 9) | | | | No opinion |
| (2) Reg. 845/76 | (L 96, 10.4.1976, p. 30) | | | | No opinion |
| (3) Reg. 349/88 | (L 34, 6.2.1988, p. 25) | | | | No opinion |

Summary

See title.

| Regulation laying down common quality standards for garlic | | | | | 10/65/EEC |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
| L 19, p. 246 5.2.1965 | 365R0010 | EEC; Reg.23/ 62 | 26.1.1965 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments (1) 378R0918 (L 119, 3.5.1978, p. 15) | | | | | No opinion |

Summary

See title.

| Directive relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption | | | | | 73/241/EEC |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
| L 228, p. 23 16.8.1973 | 373L0241 | EEC; Art.100 Art.227 | 24.7.1973 | No | Ref. not known |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 74/411 | (L 221, 12.8.1974, p. 17) | | | | No opinion |
| (2) 74/644 | (L 349, 28.12.1974, p. 63) | | | | No opinion |
| (3) 75/155 | (L 64, 11.3.1975, p. 21) | | | | OJ 1975, C 5, p. 65 |
| (4) 76/628 | (L 223, 16.8.1976, p. 1) | | | | OJ 1975, C 28, p. 69 |
| (5) 78/609 | (L 197, 22.7.1978, p. 10) | | | | OJ 1978, C 108, p. 16 |
| (6) 78/842 | (L 291, 17.10.1978, p. 15) | | | | OJ 1978, C 108, p. 16 |
| (7) 80/608 | (L 170, 3.7.1980, p. 33) | | | | OJ 1980, C 34, p. 103 |
| (8) 85/7 | (L 2, 3.1.1985, p. 22) | | | | No opinion |
| (9) 89/344 | (L 142, 25.5.1989, p. 19) | | | | |

Summary

The Directive prohibits the sale of cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption which do not satisfy the requirements of the Directive. The Directive specifies the weights in which certain cocoa products are to be marketed and the information to be included in the label on the package. Trade in products complying with the Directive must be permitted from 1.1.1976 and trade in products not complying with the Directive must be prohibited from 1.1.1977.

Directive concerning certain sugars intended for human consumption

73/437/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| L 356, p. 71 27.12.1973 | 373L0437 | EEC; Art.43 Art.100 | 11.12.1973 | No | OJ C 101, p. 33 4.8.1970 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

The Directive prohibits the marketing within the Community of sugar which does not comply with the specifications set out in the Directive. The Directive lays down the permitted weights for marketing sugar and the minimum information to be contained on labels on the packaging for sugar.

Directive on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to honey

74/409/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| L 221, p. 10 12.8.1974 | 374L0409 | EEC; Art.43 Art.100 | 22.7.1974 | No | Ref. not known |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| None | | | | | |

Summary

This Directive aims to ensure that any product labelled 'honey' is pure honey. By derogation the products 'Kunsthonning' and 'Kunsthonig' in Denmark and Germany can be marketed for five years (22.7.1979).

Until the Community adopts identical technical specifications for honey, 'bakers' honey' and 'industrial honey' may also be marketed as honey.

Directive concerning the quality required of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States

75/440/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| L 194, p. 26 25.7.1975 | 375L0440 | EEC; Art.100 Art.235 | 16.6.1975 | No | OJ C 62, p.7 30.5.1974 |
| Amendments (1) 79/869 (L 271, 29.10.1979, p. 44) | | | | | OJ 1979, C 67, p. 48 |

Summary

The Directive concerns the quality requirements which surface fresh water intended for use in the abstraction of drinking water must meet after the application of appropriate treatment. The Directive directs Member States to draw up a systematic plan of action to ensure continuing improvement of the environment including a timetable for the improvement of surface water.

Directive concerning fruit juices and certain other similar products

75/726/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| L 311, p. 40 1.12.1975 | 375L0726 | EEC; Art.43 Art.100 | 17.11.1975 | No | OJ C 25, p. 6 28.10.1970 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 79/168 | (L 37, 13.2.1979, p. 27) | | | | OJ 1978, C 261, p. 45 |
| (2) 81/487 | (L 189, 11.7.1981, p. 43) | | | | OJ 1980, C 175, p. 87 |
| (3) 89/394 | (L 186, 30.6.1989, p. 14) | | | | |

Summary

Subject to certain derogations the Directive prohibits the marketing of fruit juices unless they conform with the specifications laid down in the Directive. Fruit juices may only be marketed within the Community if they are labelled in accordance with the Directive.

Directive relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption

76/118/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| L 24, p. 49 30.1.1976 | 376L0118 | EEC; Art.43 Art.100 | 18.12.1975 | No | OJ C 65, p. 47 5.6.1970 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 78/630 | (L 206, 29.7.1978, p. 12) | | | | OJ 1977, C 183, p. 59 |
| (2) 83/635 | (L 357, 21.12.1983, p. 37) | | | | OJ 1982, C 149, p. 116 |

Summary

The Directive prohibits the marketing of dehydrated milk unless it conforms with the rules and standards laid down in the Directive. The Directive does not apply to exports outside the Community or to diabetic products or products prepared for babies or small children which are not subject to Community provisions. If new information establishes that a product authorized under this Directive is injurious to human health a Member State may suspend the provisions of this Directive but must immediately notify the Commission which shall then decide if amendments to the Directive are required.

Directive relating to the fixing of the maximum level of erucic acid in oils and fats intended as such for human consumption and in foodstuffs containing added oils or fats

76/621/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| L 202, p. 35 28.7.1976 | 376L0621 | EEC; Art.43 Art.100 | 20.7.1976 | No | OJ C 280, p. 14 8.12.1975 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

Erucic acid has been shown to have undesirable effects in animals but not in man. Oils and fats must have a maximum of 10% of erucic acid as from 1.7.1977 and a maximum of 5% from 1.7.1979.

Member States may suspend products if they have reason to believe that these levels may endanger human health. A Committee procedure is established to deal with any amendments that may be necessary.

| Directive relating to foodstuffs for particular nutritional uses | | | | | 77/94/EEC |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
| L 26, p. 55 31.1.1977 | 377L0094 | EEC; Art.100 | 21.12.1976 | No | OJ C 139, p. 39 1969 |
| Amendments (1) 85/7 (L 2, 3.1.1985, p. 22) | | | | | No opinion |

Summary

This Directive controls the nature, composition and denotation of foodstuffs for particular nutritional uses which may be termed 'dietetic' or 'dietary'. These terms are not to be used to describe foodstuffs for normal consumption.

The Commission may adopt specific directives for particular products such as baby milk formula etc.

The Directive controls labelling and advertisement of said products, and determines that such products must be appropriate for the particular nutritional use intended, and must comply with the mandatory Community provisions applicable to foodstuffs for normal consumption.

The Directive is not applicable to items for export.

Directive relating to coffee extracts and chicory extracts77/436/EEC
27.6.1977

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| L 172, p. 20 12.7.1977 | 377L0436 | EEC; Art.100 | 27.6.1977 | No | OJ C 83, p.19 11.10.1973 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 85/7 | (L 2, 3.1.1985, p. 22) | | | | No opinion |
| (2) 85/573 | (L 372, 31.12.1985, p. 22) | | | | OJ 1985, C 46, p. 93 |

Summary

To promote the establishment and functioning of the common market the Directive sets out the rules which must be observed regarding the composition of coffee and chicory extracts, the substances which may be used in the manufacture thereof, the packaging materials and labelling which is to be used and lays down the conditions under which specific designations may be used for certain of these products. The Commission is entrusted with the task of determining the procedures relating to the taking of samples and methods of analysis but close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States is provided for by a procedure involving the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs. The Directive does not apply to products intended for export outside the Community.

Regulation concerning measures to improve the quality of milk within the Community

1271/78/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 156, p. 39 14.6.1978 | 378R1271 | 1079/77/ EEC | 13.6.1978 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments | | | | | No opinion |
| (1) 78/R2341 | (L 282, 7.10.1978, p. 11) | | | | |
| (2) 1153/86 | (L 105, 22.4.1986, p. 18) | | | | |

Summary

The Directive specifies that measures shall be taken to encourage:

- (a) quality control of milk;
- (b) testing in relation to health aspects of milk;
- (c) the testing of milking machines;
- (d) the counselling of milk producers on, for example, cowshed hygiene;
- (e) counselling on the transportation of milk;
- (f) the training of qualified personnel for counselling and quality control;
- (g) the setting up of cooperative milk collection centres.

The measures are to be proposed and executed by interested organizations with 90% of the finance coming from the Community.

| Directive relating to fruit jams, jellies, and marmalades and chestnut puree | | | | | 79/693/EEC |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
| L 205, p. 5 13.8.1979 | 379L0693 | EEC; Art. 43 Art.100 | 24.7.1979 | No | OJ C 7, p. 38 12.1.1976 |
| Amendments | | | | | No opinion |
| (1) 80/1276 | (L 375, 31.12.1980, p. 77) | | | | |
| (2) 88/593 | (L 318, 25.11.1988, p. 44) | | | | |

Summary

The Directive establishes common rules concerning the composition and characteristics of the manufacture of fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and chestnut puree, reserving such designations for the products that meet these standards. It also lays down rules regarding labelling and presentation.

The Directive does not apply to:

- (1) products intended for exports to countries outside the Community;
- (2) products intended for the manufacture of fine bakers' wares, pastries and biscuits.

Nor does it affect national provisions relating to dietetic products.

Directive relating to the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters

80/777/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| L 229, p. 1 30.8.1980 | 380L0777 | EEC; Art.100 | 15.7.1980 | No | OJ C 45, p. 5 10.5.1971 |

Amendments

- (1) 80/1276 (L 375, 31.12.1980, p. 77)
- (2) 81/858 (L 319, 7.11.1981, p. 19)
- (3) 85/7 (L 2, 3.1.1985, p. 22)

NB The amendments concern the accession of Greece. A consolidated list of natural mineral waters recognized by the Member States is published in Official Journal C 186, 27.7.1990, p. 6.

Summary

The Directive aims to eliminate trade barriers in the EC for mineral water products both by obliging each Member State to allow the marketing on its territory of the natural mineral waters recognized as such by each of the other Member States and by laying down common rules concerning in particular the microbiological requirements to be fulfilled and the conditions in which specific names must be used for certain of the mineral waters. The Directive also specifies how mineral waters should be labelled and bottled. The Directive does not apply to natural mineral waters intended for export to third countries.

Directive relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption

80/778/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| L 229, p. 11 30.8.1980 | 380L0778 | EEC; Art.100 Art.235 | 15.7.1980 | No | OJ C 28, p. 27 9.2.1976 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 81/858 | (L 319, 7.11.1981, p. 19) | | | | OJ 1981, C 144, p. 37 |

Summary

This Directive lays down values for toxic and microbiological parameters for water which is intended to be supplied for direct consumption or used in food production.

It does not apply to mineral or medicinal waters.

The Commission will examine the information supplied by the Member States and take any measures appropriate. It shall periodically draw up a comprehensive report for the Member States (Article 6).

Member States must ensure that water intended for human consumption complies with this Directive within five years of notification (15.7.1985).

Directive relating to the Community method of analysis for determining the erucic acid content in oils and fats intended to be used as such for human consumption and foodstuffs containing added oils or fats

80/891/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 254, p. 35 27.9.1980 | 380L0891 | Dir.76/ 621/EEC | 25.7.1980 | No | No opinion |

Amendments

None

Summary

See title.

**Directive relating to certain lactoproteins (caseins and caseinates)
intended for human consumption**

83/417/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| L 237, p. 25 26.8.1983 | 383L0417 | EEC; Art.100 | 25.7.1983 | No | OJ C 140, p. 151 5.6.1979 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

- (1) permitting trade in stated products;
- (2) prohibiting non-complying products.

This Directive concerns milk and its extracts.

The Annex contains names for the products defined and must be used in labelling.

As well as the contents of the product, the net quantity, business name and address of the manufacturer, country of origin (if third country), and date of manufacture must be clearly labelled.

This Directive does not apply to products intended for export to third countries.

| Directive on health and animal-health problems affecting intra-Community trade in heat-treated milk | | | | | 85/397/EEC |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
| L 226, p. 13 24.8.1985 | 385L0397 | EEC; Art.43 Art.100 | 5.8.1985 | No | OJ C 36, p.12 12.4.1972 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) | 3768/85 | (L 362, 31.12.1985, p. 8) | (amendment) | | No opinion |

Summary

The Directive lays down health and animal-health requirements for heat-treated milk intended for intra-Community trade. It also applies to concentrated pasteurized milk imported into a Member State. The Member States must ensure that only milk meeting the requirements of the Directive is exported to another Member State. Each Member State shall draw up a list of approved milk-treatment, collection and standardization centres. Such centres must comply with the terms of the Directive to be approved. Pending the adoption of a Community system governing the importation of milk from non-member countries, the provisions of national law applicable to such imports must not be more favourable than those governing intra-Community trade. Member States must transpose the Directive into national law and bring such a law into force no later than 1.1.1989.

Regulation continuing the measures on the improvement of the quality of milk within the Community referred to in Regulation 1271/78/EEC

1153/86/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 105, p. 18 22.4.1986 | 386R1153 | EEC; Reg. 1079/77 | 18.4.1987 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

The Directive reinforces measures taken in Italy, Greece and Ireland to improve the quality of raw milk. The Community contribution to this improvement programme is limited to 90% of expenditure incurred. The Regulation came into force on 25.4.1986.

Directive relating to quick-frozen foodstuffs for human consumption

89/108/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|
| L 40, p. 34 11.2.1989 | 389L0108 | EEC; Art.100a | 21.12.1988 | | OJ C 175, p. 296 15.7.1985 OJ C 12, 16.1.1989 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

This Directive lays down the general principles which any quick-frozen foodstuff must satisfy.

A temperature of -18 °C or lower at all points in the product is specified in the production, storage and distribution of quick-frozen products. The directive does not apply to ice-cream and edible ices.

The raw materials used must be sound, genuine, of merchantable quality and fresh. Freezing must be carried out as quickly as possible using only air, nitrogen or carbon dioxide (dichlorodifluoromethane — R12 may be used until 31.12.1992).

Tolerances in the product temperature shall be permitted up to 3 °C and up to 6 °C in retail display cabinets. These tolerances shall be reviewed in the light of technical developments.

Member States shall conduct random official checks on the temperature of quick-frozen foodstuffs.

Packaging must protect from microbial contamination and drying out. Directive 79/112 (labelling) shall apply to quick-frozen products. In particular the minimum durability, storage period and storage temperature, batch reference and a warning not to refreeze after defrosting shall be indicated.

The Directive shall be implemented by 21.12.1990. Member States' existing laws regarding retail display cabinets may continue to apply until 21.12.1996.

Directive on hygiene and health problems affecting the production and placing on the market of egg products89/437/EEC
20.6.1989

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| L 212, p. 87 22.7.1989 | | EEC; Art. 43 | 22.7.1989 | No | OJ C 187, p. 184 18.7.1988 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

The Directive lays down hygiene and health requirements for egg products for direct human consumption or for foodstuff manufacture (excepting small-scale enterprises using untreated eggs for the manufacture of foodstuffs for direct sale or consumption). Requirements are detailed for: origin of eggs, treatment and preparation, hygiene conditions (of establishments and personnel), health checks (including microbiological criteria), packing, storage and transport. Member States shall check for residues of hormones, antibiotics, pesticides, detergents, etc. according to prescribed testing procedures. Member States shall provide a list of approved establishments. In cases of dispute between Member States provision is made for mediation by nominated experts. A model health certificate for eggs and egg products is laid down. The Directive is to be implemented in all Member States by 31.12.1991.

Directive concerning the colouring matters authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

62/2645/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| L 115, p. 2645 11.11.1962 | 362L2645 | EEC; Art.100, Art.227,2 | 23.10.1962 | No | Ref. not known |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 65/469 | (P 178, 26.10.1965, p. 2793) | | | | OJ 1964, 177, p. 2819 |
| (2) 67/653 | (P 263, 30.10.1967, p. 4) | | | | OJ 1967, 63, p. 966 |
| (3) 68/419 | (L 309, 24.12.1968, p. 24) | | | | No opinion |
| (4) 70/358 | (L 157, 18.7.1970, p. 36) | | | | No opinion |
| (5) 76/399 | (L 108, 26.4.1976, p. 19) | | | | OJ 1976, C 79, p. 46 |
| (6) 78/144 | (L 44, 15.2.1978, p. 20) | | | | OJ 1978, C 6, p. 132 |
| (7) 81/20 | (L 43, 14.2.1981, p. 11) | | | | |
| (8) 81/712 | (L 257, 10.9.1981, p. 1) | | | | No opinion |
| (9) 85/7 | (L 2, 3.1.1985, p. 22) | | | | No opinion |

Summary

The Directive lays down the permitted colouring matters for foodstuffs intended for human consumption.

If permitted colouring matters are suspected of endangering human health then Member States may suspend authorization for use for a maximum of one year, which may be extended by the Council of Ministers.

The Directive also lays down packaging standards, including the bearing of 'E' numbers on products.

The Directive does not affect national provisions for products intended for export from the Community.

The Directive also establishes general and specific criteria of purity for colouring matters.

Directive concerning the preservatives for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

64/54/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| L 12, p. 161 27.1.1964 | 364L0054 | EEC; Art.100 Art.227,2 | 5.11.1963 | No | OJ C 106, p.1923 1963 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 65/569 | (P 222, 28.12.1965, p. 3263) | | | | OJ 1965, 209, p. 3139 |
| (2) 66/722 | (P 233, 20.12.1966, p. 3947) | | | | OJ 1966, 232, p. 3922 |
| (3) 67/427 | (P 148, 11.7.1967, p. 1) | | | | OJ 1967, 63, p. 990 |
| (4) 68/420 | (L 309, 24.12.1968, p. 25) | | | | No opinion |
| (5) 70/359 | (L 157, 18.7.1970, p. 38) | | | | No opinion |
| (6) 71/160 | (L 87, 17.4.1971, p. 12) | | | | OJ 1970, C 143, p. 50 |
| (7) 72/2 | (L 2, 4.1.1972, p. 22) | | | | No opinion |
| (8) 72/444 | (L 298, 31.12.1972, p. 48) | | | | No opinion |
| (9) 74/62 | (L 38, 11.2.1974, p. 29) | | | | No opinion |
| (10) 74/394 | (L 208, 30.7.1974, p. 25) | | | | Ref. not known |
| (11) 76/462 | (L 126, 14.5.1976, p. 31) | | | | OJ 1975, C 257, p. 41 |
| (12) 76/629 | (L 223, 16.8.1976, p. 3) | | | | |
| (13) 78/145 | (L 44, 15.2.1978, p. 23) | | | | OJ 1978, C 6, p. 117 |
| (14) 79/40 | (L 13, 19.1.1979, p. 50) | | | | |
| (15) 81/214 | (L 101, 11.4.1981, p. 10) | | | | OJ 1980, C 327, p. 8 |
| (16) 83/585 | (L 335, 30.11.1983, p. 38) | | | | |
| (17) 83/636 | (L 357, 21.12.1983, p. 40) | | | | |
| (18) 84/86 | (L 40, 11.2.1984, p. 29) | | | | |
| (19) 84/223 | (L 104, 17.4.1984, p. 25) | | | | |
| (20) 84/261 | (L 129, 15.5.1984, p. 28) | | | | |
| (21) 84/458 | (L 256, 26.7.1984, p. 19) | | | | |
| (22) 85/7 | (L 2, 3.1.1985, p. 22) | | | | No opinion |
| (23) 85/172 | (L 65, 6.3.1985, p. 22) | | | | OJ 1982, C 125, p. 147 |
| (24) 85/585 | (L 372, 31.12.1985, p. 43) | | | | OJ 1982, C 125, p. 117 |

Summary

The Directive lays down the permitted preservatives for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption in the Community.

If permitted preservatives are suspected of endangering human health then Member States may suspend authorization of use for a maximum of one year, which may be extended by the Council of Ministers.

General and specific criteria of purity are laid down.

This Directive does not affect national laws specifying foodstuffs to which preservatives may be added.

Council Directive laying down specific criteria of purity for preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

65/66/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 22, p. 373 9.2.1965 | 365L0066 | 64/54/EEC | 26.1.1965 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 67/428 | (P 148, 11.7.1967, p. 20) | | | | No opinion |
| (2) 76/463 | (L 126, 14.5.1976, p. 33) | | | | No opinion |
| (3) 86/604 | (L 352, 13.12.1986, p. 45) | | | | No opinion |

Summary

The Directive contains a list of 'E' numbered additives (preservatives) with their chemical characteristics, which have been authorized for use.

Directive on the use of certain preservatives for the surface treatment of citrus fruit and on the control measures to be used for the qualitative and quantitative analysis of preservatives in and on citrus fruit

67/427/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| L 148, p. 1 11.7.1967 | 367L0427 | EEC Art.100 | 27.6.1967 | No | OJ C 63, p. 990 3.4.1967 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

The purpose of the Directive is to lay down common rules for the official control of citrus fruit treated with biphenyl (diphenyl), orthophenylphenol and sodium orthophenylphenate. The Member States are directed to ensure that the taking of samples and the qualitative and quantitative analysis of these substances in and on citrus fruit are carried out in accordance with the Annexes to the Directive.

Directive concerning the antioxidants authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

70/357/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| L 157, p. 31 18.7.1970 | 370L0357 | EEC; Art.100 Art.227,2 | 13.7.1970 | No | Ref. not known |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 74/412 | (L 221, 12.8.1974, p. 18) | | | | No opinion |
| (2) 78/143 | (L 44, 15.2.1978, p. 18) | | | | No opinion |
| (3) 81/962 | (L 354, 9.12.1981, p. 22) | | | | No opinion |
| (4) 85/7 | (L 2, 3.1.1985, p. 22) | | | | No opinion |
| (5) 87/55 | (L 24. 27.1.1987, p. 41) | | | | No opinion |

Summary

The Directive lays down the permitted antioxidants for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption.

If permitted antioxidants are suspected of endangering human health then Member States may suspend authorization of use for a maximum period of one year, which may be extended by the Council of Ministers.

Directive laying down specific criteria of purity for antioxidants which may be used in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

78/664/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--|-----------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 223, p. 30 14.8.1978 | 378L0664 | EEC; | 25.7.1978 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments (1) 82/712 L 297, 23.10.1982, p. 31) | | | | | No opinion |

Summary

See title.

The Annex to this Directive sets out the specific criteria of purity referred to in Article 5(1) of Directive 70/357/EEC.

This Directive does not affect national measures in existence at the time of notification under which specific criteria of purity are set for:

- (a) DL-tartaric acid and salts thereof;
- (b) hydrolysed lecithins;
- (c) the aldehyde content of propylene glycol.

Directive relating to emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs

74/329/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| L 189, p. 1 12.7.1974 | 374L0329 | EEC; Art.100 Art.227.2 | 18.6.1976 | No | OJ C 139, p. 45 1969 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 78/612 | (L 197, 22.7.1978, p. 22) | | | | OJ 1977, C 266, p. 45 |
| (2) 80/597 | (L 155, 23.6.1980, p. 23) | | | | OJ 1980, C 4, p. 46 |
| (3) 85/6 | (L 2, 3.1.1985, p. 21) | | | | No opinion |
| (4) 85/7 | (L 2, 3.1.1985, p. 22) | | | | No opinion |
| (5) 86/102 | (L 88, 3.4.1986, p. 40) | | | | No opinion |
| (6) 89/393 | (L 186, 30.6.1989, p. 13) | | | | No opinion |

Summary

The Directive lays down permitted emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents.

If permitted substances are suspected of endangering human health then Member States may suspend authorization of use for a maximum of one year, which may be extended by the Council of Ministers.

The Directive provides general and specific criteria of purity for permitted substances and lays down packaging standards for containers and packages in which said substances are marketed.

The Directive does not apply to foodstuffs for export outside the Community, but does apply to foodstuffs imported into the Community.

Directive laying down specific criteria of purity for emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs

78/663/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 223, p. 7 14.8.1978 | 378L0663 | 74/329/ EEC | 25.7.1978 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments | | | | | No opinion |
| (1) 82/504 | (L 230, 5.8.1982, p. 35) | | | | |
| (2) 90/612 | (L 326, 24.11.1990, p. 58) | | | | |

Summary

This Directive lays down specific criteria of purity for emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs.

Directive laying down Community methods of analysis for verifying that certain additives used in foodstuffs satisfy criteria of purity

81/712/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 257, p. 1 10.9.1981 | 381L0712 | EEC | 28.7.1981 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

See title.

Directive relating to flavourings for use in foodstuffs and to source materials for their production

88/388/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| L 184, p. 61 15.7.1988 | 388L0388 | EEC; Art.100a | 22.6.1988 | No | OJ C 66, 15.3.1982 OJ C 94, 11.4.1988 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) | 88/389 | (L 184, 15.7.1988, p. 67) (amendment) | | | |

Summary**Framework Directive**

Applies to flavourings in or on foodstuffs to impact odour and/or taste and to source materials used for the production of flavourings.

Does not apply to: edible substances; substances with an exclusively sweet, sour or salt taste.

Provisions

Flavourings shall not contain any element or substance in a toxicologically dangerous quantity.

They shall not contain more than 3 mg/kg arsenic, 10 mg/kg lead, 1 mg/kg of cadmium or 1 mg/kg mercury.

The Council will adopt specific provisions (Art. 100a EEC) for individual types of flavourings and their conditions for use.

An authorized list of flavourings shall be adopted together with a list of additives necessary for the use, storage, diluting and dissolving of flavourings. Measures shall be adopted for methods of analysis, sampling and criteria of purity.

For provisions affecting public health the Scientific Committee for Food shall be consulted. Where detailed evidence exists that the use of a flavouring constitutes a danger to public health, a Member State may temporarily suspend or restrict its use. The Commission shall consult the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs and take appropriate measures.

Flavourings must bear the following information on the packaging:

- the manufacturer,
- the sales description,
- reference to the use,
- a list of the categories of flavouring substances,
- an identifying mark,
- the nominal quantity.

The use of the word 'natural' is strictly defined and limited. The Directive does not apply to flavourings for export.

Directive concerning food additives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

89/107/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|
| L 40, p. 27 11.2.1989 | | EEC; Art.100a | 21.12.1988 | No | OJ C 99, p. 65 13.4.1987 OJ C 12, 16.1.1989 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

If permitted food additives are suspected of endangering human health then Member States may suspend authorization for use for a maximum of two years.

The Directive also lays down packaging standards and establishes general and specific criteria of purity for additives.

Provisions that may affect public health shall be adopted after consultation with the Scientific Committee for Food.

Criteria for the use of food additives:

Food additives can be approved *only* if:

- (i) there can be demonstrated a reasonable technological need and the purpose cannot be achieved by other economically and technologically practicable means;
- (ii) they present no hazard to health of consumers at the level of use proposed in available scientific evidence;
- (iii) they do not mislead the consumer.

Food additives must be kept under continuous observation and re-evaluated in the light of new scientific information.

The Directive is to be implemented within 18 months of promulgation, i.e. by 21.6.1990.

Food additives not complying with this Directive are prohibited after 21.12.1991.

Directive on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients

88/344/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| L 157, p. 28 24.6.1988 | 388L0344 | | 13.6.1988 | No | OJ C 12, p. 147 14.1.1985 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

Lays down the extraction solvents which may be used in foodstuffs production. Divides them into three groups. Group 1 must be used in compliance with good manufacturing practice. Group 2 must be used in accordance with the conditions of use and maximum residue limits laid down in the Annex to the Directive. For Group 3, maximum residue limits are laid down for the residue resulting from the use of extraction solvents in the preparation of flavouring from natural flavouring materials.

Criteria of purity are specified as are methods of analysis and sampling.

Extraction solvents must be clearly labelled for the purposes of marketing.

To be implemented by 13.6.1991. This Directive is not applicable for solvents or foodstuffs to be exported outside the Community.

Directive relating to materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (Framework Directive) (consolidates and repeals 76/893/EEC)

89/109/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|
| L 347, p. 37 28. 11. 1989 | 389L0109 | EEC; Art.100a | 21.12.1988 | No | OJ C 99, p. 65 13. 4. 87 OJ C 12, 16.1.1989 |
| Amendments | | | | | |

Summary

Any material or article intended to come into contact directly or indirectly with foodstuffs must be sufficiently stable not to transfer substances to the foodstuffs in quantities which could endanger human health or bring about an unacceptable change in the composition of the foodstuffs or a deterioration in its organoleptic properties.

Directive relating to materials and articles which contain vinyl chloride monomer and are intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

78/142/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| L 44, p. 15 15.2.1978 | 378L0142 | EEC; Art.100 | 30.1.1978 | No | OJ C 118, p. 70 1977 |
| Amendments (1) 80/766 (L 213, 16.8.1980, p. 42) | | | | | |

Summary

This is a daughter Directive of 89/109/EEC.

The Directive concerns the presence of vinyl chloride monomer in, and possible migration from, materials and articles prepared with vinyl chloride polymers or copolymers which, in their finished state, are intended to come into contact with foodstuffs.

Materials and articles must contain no more than 1 mg of vinyl chloride monomers per 1 kg of the final product.

Commission Directive determining the symbol that may accompany materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

80/590/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 151, p. 21 19.6.1980 | 380L0590 | EEC; Art. 100a | 9.6.1980 | No | n/a |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

The symbol to be used is reproduced in the Annex to this Directive.

The use of the symbol shall be implemented as from 1.1.1981.

Directive laying down the Community method of analysis for the official control of vinyl chloride monomer levels in materials of articles which are intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

80/766/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 213, p. 42 16.8.1980 | 380L0766 | EEC; Art. 100a | 8.7.1980 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

The method for analysis to be used for the official control of vinyl chloride monomer is described in the Annex to this Directive.

The Directive is to be implemented by December 1982.

Directive laying down the Community method of analysis for the official control of vinyl chloride released by materials and articles into foodstuffs

81/432/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 167, p. 6 24.6.1981 | 381L0432 | EEC; Art. 100a | 29.4.1981 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

The Annex to this Directive lays down the method of analysis for the official control of vinyl chloride released into foodstuffs.

Directive laying down the basic rules necessary for testing migration of the constituents of plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

82/711/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| L 297, p. 26 23.10.1982 | 382L0711 | EEC; Art. 100a | 18.10.1982 | No | OJ C 140, p. 173 5.6.1979 |
| Amendments Implemented by 85/72 (L 372, 31.12.1985, p.14) | | | | | OJ 1985, C 175, p. 299 |

Summary

The Directive lays down basic rules for verifying the migration of constituents of plastic materials into foodstuffs. If a Member State has detailed grounds establishing that for a given plastic material these basic rules are technically unsuitable then that State may, within its own territory, and for that particular case, suspend the application of the rules. The Commission and other Member States must be informed immediately of the reasons for this decision. The Commission shall examine these reasons and consult the Member States within the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs before delivering an opinion and taking the appropriate measures, which may include the amendment of the Directive.

Directive relating to materials and articles made of regenerated cellulose film intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

83/229/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| L 123, p. 31 11.5.1983 | 383L0229 | EEC; Art.100 | 25.4.1983 | No | OJ C 149, p. 106 1982 |
| Amendments (1) 86/388 (L 228, 14.8.1986, p. 32) | | | | | No opinion |

Summary

Only substances specified in Annex II may be used to make cellulose film. Derogation for other substances (such as colours) may be given if there is no trace of migration from the film into or onto foodstuffs. Printed surfaces of film shall not come into contact with foodstuffs.

Directive relating to ceramic articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

84/500/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| L 277, p. 12 20.10.1984 | 384L0500 | EEC; Art. 100a | 15.10.1984 | No | OJ C 95, p. 41 28.4.1985 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| None | | | | | |

Summary

Enabling Directive of general Directive 89/109/EEC.

The Directive concerns the possible migration of lead and cadmium from ceramic articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs and sets out the limits for such migration, and a method for testing for migration. Member States shall amend their laws so that:

- (i) three years after notification of this Directive trade in ceramic articles which comply with its provisions is permitted;
- (ii) five years after notification, trade in ceramics which do not comply with the Directive's provisions is prohibited.

| Directive on containers of liquids for human consumption | | | | | 85/339/EEC |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
| L 176, p. 18 6.7.1985 | 385L0339 | EEC; Art.235 | 27.6.1985 | No | OJ C 242, p. 92 1983 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

The Directive provides for a series of measures relating to the production, marketing, use, recycling and refilling of containers of liquids for human consumption and to the disposal of used containers, in order to reduce the impact of the latter on the environment. The aim is also to encourage a reduction in the consumption of energy and raw materials in this field. Member States must take the steps necessary to comply with this Directive by 3 July 1987.

Directive laying down the list of simulants to be used for testing migration of the constituents of plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

85/572/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 372, p. 14 31.12.1985 | 385L0572 | EEC; Art.100 | 19.12.1985 | No | |
| Amendments | | | | | |

Summary

Commission Directive relating to plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

90/128/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 075, p. 19 21.3.1990 | 390L0128 | EEC; Art. 100a | 31.12.1990 | No | n/a |
| Amendments | | | | | |

Summary

Specific 'daughter' Directive of 89/109/EEC on materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs.

The Directive specifies that plastic materials and articles shall not transfer their constituents to foodstuffs in quantities above certain specified limits according to the nature of the food containers concerned.

A procedure for checking compliance with the migration limits is laid down and an annex provides a list of monomers and other starting substances which may be used in the manufacture of plastic materials and articles for use as food containers.

Directive concerning the introduction of Community methods of sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs intended for human consumption

85/591/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| L 372, p. 50 31.12.1985 | 385L0591 | EEC; Art.100 | 20.12.1985 | No | OJ C 46, p. 95 18.2.1985 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

Directive enabling the Commission or the Council to adopt measures of a scientific nature to introduce Community methods of sampling or analysis for determining the composition, conditions of manufacture, packaging or labelling of a foodstuff.

Adoption of such measures will be carried out by referral to the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs which shall deliver its opinion by weighted votes (Article 148(2) EEC).

Where the Standing Committee agrees, the Commission shall adopt the proposal. Where the Standing Committee disagrees, the Commission shall refer the matter to the Council for a decision. If the Council does not act within three months, the Commission shall adopt the proposal.

A Member State may temporarily suspend a measure where it is considered inappropriate. The Commission shall then refer the matter to the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs.

The Directive is to be implemented by 23.12.1987.

Directive relating to the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on fruit and vegetables

76/895/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|
| L 340, p. 26 9.12.1976 | 376L0895 | EEC; Art.43 Art.100 | 23.11.1976 | No | OJ C 97, p. 35 1969 |
| <p>Amendments</p> <p>(1) 80/428 (L 102, 19.4.1980, p. 26)</p> <p>(2) 81/36 (L 46, 19.2.1981, p. 33)</p> <p>(3) 82/528 (L 234, 9.8.1982, p. 1)</p> <p>(4) 85/3768 (L 362 31.12.1985, p. 8) (Regulation)</p> <p>(5) 88/298 (L 126, 20.5.1988, p. 53)</p> | | | | | <p>No opinion</p> <p>No opinion</p> <p>No opinion</p> <p>No opinion</p> <p>No opinion</p> |

Summary

The Directive lays down maximum levels of pesticide residues, on fruit and vegetables listed. The Directive concerns products intended for human consumption, or exceptionally animal consumption.

Member States shall ensure compliance with maximum permitted levels by undertaking random checks.

This Directive does not apply if it can be proved that the products are intended for export to third countries (residues of ethoxyquin and diphenylamine).

Directive establishing Community methods of sampling for the official control of pesticide residues in and on fruit and vegetables

79/700/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 207, p. 26 15.8.1979 | 379L0700 | EEC Dir. 76/895 | 24.7.1979 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

See title.

The Directive provides that sampling for the checks provided for in Article 6 of Directive 76/895 be carried out in accordance with the Annex to the Directive.

Directive on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals

86/362/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| L 221, p. 37 7.8.1986 | 386L0362 | EEC; Art.43 Art.100 | 24.7.1986 | No | OJ C 28, p. 64 9.2.1981 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 88/298 | (L 126, 20.5.1988, p. 53) (amendment) | | | | No opinion |

Summary

The Directive sets the maximum levels for pesticide residues on cereals and feedingstuffs and directs the Member States to:

- (a) not impede the putting into circulation within their territories of these products on the grounds that they contain pesticide residues if the quantity of such residues does not exceed these maximum levels, and
- (b) prescribe that cereals and feedingstuffs may not contain — from the time they are put into circulation — residues of pesticides in excess of the maximum levels.

In exceptional circumstances a Member State may temporarily reduce one of the maximum levels. Provision is made for the Standing Committee on Plant Health to determine methods of sampling and analysis necessary for monitoring pesticide residues. The Directive does not apply to exports outside the Community. Member States must transpose the Directive into national law by 30 June 1988.

Directive on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on foodstuffs of animal origin

86/363/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| L 221, p. 43 7.8.1986 | 386L0363 | EEC; Art.43 Art.100 | 24.7.1986 | No | OJ C 28, p. 64 1981 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| None | | | | | |

Summary

Applies to foodstuffs of animal origin as listed in Annex I of the Directive (i.e. meat and edible offals, dead poultry, poultry liver, other meat and edible meat offals, dairy products, eggs, sausages etc., and other prepared meat or offal) and to the pesticide residues as listed in Annex II of the Directive.

Member States are to ensure that, in compliance with the requirements of this Directive, the products referred to do not present a danger to human health as a result of the presence of pesticide residues, and should take all necessary measures to ensure, at least by check sampling, compliance with the maximum levels laid down.

Member States are to bring into force the laws necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 30.6.1988.

Directive relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer79/112/EEC
18.12.1978

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| L 33, p. 1 8.2.1979 | 379L0112 | EEC; Art.100 Art.227 | 18.12.1978 | No | OJ C 178, p. 52 2.8.1976 |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) 86/197 | (L 144, 29.5.1986, p.38) | | | | OJ C 104/139, 16.4.1984 |
| (2) 89/395 | (L 186, 30.6.1989, p. 17) | | | | |

Summary

The labelling and advertising of foodstuffs must not be done in a way to mislead the consumer.

Labels must contain the following information: name of product; list of ingredients; (if prepackaged) net quantity; date of minimum durability; special storage conditions or conditions of use; name and address of manufacturer; if necessary, place of origin and instructions for use.

Regulation concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector

351/79/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 54, p. 90 5.3.1979 | 379R0351 | Reg. EEC/ 337/79 | 5.2.1979 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments | | | | | |
| (1) | 81 R/3658 | (L 366, 22.12.1981, p. 1) | | | No opinion |
| (2) | 87 R/255 | (L 26, 29.1.1987, p. 2) | | | No opinion |
| (3) | 87 R/4090 | (L 382, 31.12.1987, p. 26) | | | No opinion |

Summary

This Regulation permits certain specified derogations from Article 42 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 which prohibited the addition of alcohol to certain products in the wine sector.

Directive on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of foodstuffs

79/581/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| L 158, p. 19 26.6.1979 | 379L0581 | EEC; Art.235 | 19.6.1979 | No | OJ C 63, p. 48 13.3.1978 |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

The Directive seeks to promote consistent and unambiguous price-labelling on foodstuffs. In particular the selling price and the unit price (price per litre or price per kilogram) must be unambiguous, easily identifiable and clearly legible. Each competent national authority may lay down the specific rules for such indication of prices. Any written or printed advertisement or catalogue which mentions the selling price of the foodstuffs covered by the Directive must also mention the unit price.

The Directive does not apply to foodstuffs sold in hotels, restaurants, cafes, public houses, hospitals, canteens and similar establishments and Member States are permitted to exempt other retail outlets if certain conditions are met.

Directive introducing temporary measures for the designation of certain ingredients in the labelling of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer

83/463/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 255, p. 1 15.9.1983 | 383L0463 | Dir.790/ 112/EEC | 22.7.1983 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

Article 1 establishes the use of temporary numbers to identify certain additives to food in accordance with Article 6.5(b) of Directive 79/112.

The Annex lists the ingredients concerned.

The Directive stipulates that Member States shall, not later than 1.7.1984, allow the numbers listed in the Annex to be used.

Commission Directive on the indication of alcoholic strength by volume in the labelling of alcoholic beverages for sale to the ultimate consumer

87/250/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 113 1987 | 387L0250 | | 1.5.1988 | No | |
| Amendments | | | | | |

Summary

This Directive concerns the indication of actual alcoholic strength by volume in the labelling of beverages containing more than 1 to 2% by volume of alcohol.

Alcoholic strength to one decimal place to be determined at 20 °C.

Tolerances $\pm 0.3\%$, except $\pm 0.5\%$ for beers not exceeding 5.5% vol. alcohol.

For beverages made from grapes, ciders, perries, fruit wines and fermented honey the tolerance is set at $\pm 1\%$ volume.

For marinated fruit or plant beverages the tolerance is set at $\pm 1.5\%$ volume.

**Council Decision of 13 November 1969 setting up a standing
Committee for Foodstuffs**

69/414/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| L 291, p. 9 13.11.1969 | | | | No | OJ C 201, p. 344 5.11.1966 |
| Amendments | | | | | |

Summary

Council Resolution of 13 November 1969 on the intervention procedures of the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| C 148, p. 1 19.11.1969 | | | | | |
| Amendments | | | | | |

Summary

Directive amending a first series of Directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States in the foodstuffs sector, as regards the involvement of the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs

85/7/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 2, p. 22 3.1.1985 | 385L0007 | EEC; Art.100 | 19.12.1984 | No | No opinion |
| Amendments None | | | | | |

Summary

This Directive extends from 18 months to two years the period in which the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs must carry out various duties under EEC legislation.

Commission Decision of 26 June 1975 setting up an Advisory Committee on Foodstuffs

75/420/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--|-----------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 182, p. 35 12.7.1975 | | | | | |
| Amendments (1) 78/758/EEC (L 251, 14.9.1978, p. 18) | | | | | |

Summary

Commission Decision of 24 October 1980 establishing a new Statute for the Advisory Committee on Foodstuffs

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 318, p. 28 26.11.1980 | | | | | |

Amendments

(Nomination of permanent members and observers of the Advisory Committee on Foodstuffs)

- (1) OJ C 69, 18.3.1982, p. 3
- (2) OJ C 314, 30.11.1982, p. 2
- (3) OJ C 109, 23.4.1983, p. 2
- (4) OJ C 117, 17.5.1986, p. 25
- (5) OJ C 3, 7.1.1987, p. 6
- (6) OJ C 172, 1.7.1988, p. 7
- (7) OJ C 254, 7.10.1989, p. 4

Summary

Commission Decision of 16 April 1974 relating to the institution of a Scientific Committee for Food

74/234/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| L 136, p. 1 20.5.1974 | | | | | |

Amendments

(Nomination of members of the Scientific Committee for Food)

- (1) OJ C 114, 27.9.1974, p. 22
- (2) OJ C 11, 13.1.1978, p. 2
- (3) OJ C 202, 7.8.1980, p. 3
- (4) OJ C 173, 14.7.1981, p. 2
- (5) OJ C 99, 20.4.1982, p. 3
- (6) OJ C 336, 22.12.1982, p. 2
- (7) OJ C 272, 11.10.1983, p. 2
- (8) OJ C 117, 11.5.1985, p. 3
- (9) OJ C 198, 7.8.1986, p. 5
- (10) OJ C 94, 7.4.1987, p. 17
- (11) OJ C 102, 16.4.1988, p. 3
- (12) OJ C 140, 6.6.1989, p. 4

Summary

**Council Decision of 25 April 1986 amending Decision
74/264/EEC with reference to the number of members of the
Scientific Committee for Food**

86/241/EEC

| Official Journal | Celex reference | Legal base | Date of promulgation | Report to EP? | EP opinion |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| L 163 p. 40 19.6.1986 | | | | | |
| Amendments | | | | | |

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