

Foodstuffs and food ingredients: extraction solvents used in the production. Recast

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PURPOSE: recast of Council Directive 88/344/EEC of 13 June 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients.

PROPOSED ACT: Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: the codification of Council Directive 88/344/EEC of 13 June 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients has been initiated by the Commission, and a relevant proposal has been submitted to the legislative authority. The new Directive was to have superseded the various acts incorporated in it.

In the meantime, Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (comitology) has been amended by Decision 2006/512/EC, which introduced a regulatory procedure with scrutiny for measures of general scope designed to amend non-essential elements of a basic instrument adopted in accordance with the codecision procedure.

In accordance with the joint statement of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on Decision 2006/512/EC, for this new procedure to be applicable to instruments adopted in accordance with the codecision procedure which are already in force, those instruments must be adjusted in accordance with the applicable procedures.

It is therefore appropriate to transform the codification of Directive 88/344/EEC into a recast in order to incorporate the amendments necessary for the adjustment to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny.