Scientific examination of questions relating to food: repealing obsolete Directive

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PURPOSE: repealing Council Directive 93/5/EEC of 25 February 1993 on assistance to the Commission and cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food.

PROPOSED ACT: Directive of the European Parliament and Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: with the Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT), the Commission is committed to ensure a simple, clear, stable and predictable regulatory framework for businesses, workers and citizens.

The aim of Council Directive 93/5/EEC was to ensure the smooth running of the Scientific Committee for Food by promoting the scientific support from the Member States and by organising the cooperation with the relevant national bodies on scientific issues regarding the safety of foodstuffs.

Following Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the scientific tasks entrusted to the Scientific Committee on Food have been taken over by the Scientific Committee and Panels of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). EFSA has also become the competent body to promote scientific cooperation with the Member States and relevant national bodies operating in the fields falling within the Authority's mission.

CONTENT: Council Directive 93/5/EEC has become obsolete and should be repealed.