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.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Directive (EU) 2015/254 of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Directive 93/5/EEC on assistance to the Commission and cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food.

CONTENT: this Directive **repeals Directive 93/5/EEC**.

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

Pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the tasks of the Scientific Committee on Food referred to in Directive 93/5/EEC have been transferred to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), and those tasks are currently provided for by Regulation (EC) No 178 /2002.

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 EFSA's mission.

In the framework of the Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT), the Commission is committed to achieving a simple, clear, stable and predictable regulatory framework for businesses, workers and citizens.

Directive 93/5/EEC has therefore become obsolete and should be repealed

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