Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC)

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The Committee approves the Commission proposal which, without changing its restrictive policy on sweeteners, updates the list of foodstuffs in which their use is authorized. The Committee fully supports the technical amendments made to Directive 94/35/EC and recommends that the Commission stick to one single method in printing the names of additives. It does, however, express some reservations about the cumbersome procedure adopted for a simple adaptation of the list. It therefore proposes consulting the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs, whose opinion must be adopted by a qualified majority, and resorting to a directive only where this method fails.