

Prohibiting the use of certain additives in the production of certain foodstuffs

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The ESC stated that there were no health grounds for justifying this proposal and that steps should be taken to prevent Member States from using prohibitions for protectionist purposes. As a result, it could only support the proposal with the following amendments: - products should be labelled with the words 'in the tradition', the name of the country and the product name; - the article and the recitals should spell out clearly that products so labelled could be manufactured in any Member State; - the article and the recitals should spell out clearly that products not labelled with all these three elements (i.e. tradition, country, product name) had to conform to the normal rules for additives, composition, etc.; - Member States should not put any administrative and regulatory obstacles in the way of such products.