Indication of the ingredients in foodstuffs

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The European Parliament's amendment is intended to supplement the text in Article 1(1)(f) of the common position regarding the updating of the list of ingredients causing food allergies or intolerances. The amendment establishes a procedure to inform the Commission that studies are being carried out to determine which ingredients or substances derived from allergenic ingredients are, under specific circumstances, no longer likely to trigger adverse reactions. On the basis of this information, a list of these ingredients or substances will be adopted by the Commission after consulting with the European Food Safety Authority. The ingredients or substances on the list will be removed from the list annexed to the common position, and will not therefore be subject to the compulsory labelling requirement until the European Food Safety Authority has given its opinion and a final decision has been made in their regard within four years, at the latest, of the date on which the directive enters into force. The Commission hereby expresses a favourable opinion on the amendment, which will result in labelling appropriate to the actual risks of an adverse reaction associated with ingredients or substances derived from ingredients that cause food allergies or intolerances.