Human consumption: new sweeteners additives, sucralose and salt of aspartame (amend. Directive 94/35/EC)

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The Commission accepts all amendments by the European Parliament; These aim to : - refuses the use of the comitology procedure for deciding whether a substance should be considered as a sweetener. The Commission would have welcomed a formal tool to bring certain substances under the scope of the food additive legislation. But in the spirit of compromise, the Commission can accept this amendment and will re-table its request in the context of the amendment of the framework legislation on food additives; - require the Commission to present a progress report on the re-evaluation of additives in general and of the two new sweeteners in particular; - introduce a clause for the exhaustion of stocks of products no longer conforming to the Directive. For this, a time limit of 24 months after entry into force of the Directive is set.