Indication of the ingredients in foodstuffs

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The committee adopted the report by Christa KLASS (EPP-ED, D) broadly approving the Council's common position, which had incorporated many of the changes demanded by Parliament at 1st reading. However, it tabled a few amendments under the 2nd reading of the codecision procedure, as follows: - the directive should avoid the disproportionate listing of substances used in food production which in fact have no allergenic potential (for example, derivates used in beer and wine production), as this would cause allergy sufferers unjustified concern. Labelling requirements should therefore be restricted to substances contained in a food product "in an amount which scientific research has shown may cause allergic reactions". The indication of processing aids should not be required for alcoholic beverages; - after consulting the European Food Safety Authority, the Commission should adopt, on or before 1 January 2004, a provisional list of products which, although derived from a product listed in Annex IIIa, should be considered not to be allergenic and consequently not included in that Annex.