

Foodstuff: additives facilitating the storage and the use of flavourings

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The committee adopted the report by María del Pilar AYUSO GONZÁLEZ (EPP-ED, E) broadly approving the Commission proposal under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure, subject to a number of amendments. It called on the Commission to draft a proposal within two years of the directive's entry into force to limit the total number of additives authorised. MEPs also voted for legislation on additives to apply to flavourings, to ensure that additives cannot gain "back-door" entry to food by being incorporated in a flavouring. In addition, the committee called for the Commission and the European Food Safety Authority to review the conditions for the use of a number of products: - hydrogenated poly-1-decene (used as a glazing agent in products like candy), with particular attention to be paid to the effects on children's health; - polysorbates E 432-436 (used as preservatives in cakes, cheeses and wines); - Parabens E 214-219 and TAS; and - nitrite and nitrate E 249-252.