Foodstuffs: labelling, presentation and advertising (amend. Directive 79/112/EEC)

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The Commission's amended proposal took account of the European Parliament's amendments concerning: - the reference to the EEC regulations on designations of origin and certificates of specific character; - the extension of the definition of small packaging; - the submission of a report to the European Parliament on the exemptions that could be adopted for certain foodstuffs in the context of vertical directives. In addition, the Commission approved in part the amendments concerning: - the criteria for applying the principle of indicating the quantities of ingredients where it clarified the concept of relief; - the deadline for banning products that did not comply with the directive, namely 30 June 1994, which corresponded to the 24-month period proposed by the European Parliament. Finally, the Commission rejected the amendments concerning: - the inclusion of a definition of foodstuff; - the requirement to include the trade description alongside the brandname or mark; - the inclusion of a specific reference when the foodstuff or one of its ingredients had been genetically modified; - the compulsory indication of the source of the starches listed in Annex I to the directive; - the inclusion of the official language of the Member State where the product was sold; - the amendment to Annex III concerning the indication of flavourings in the list of ingredients.