

Food additives other than colours and sweeteners

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OBJECTIVE : amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colourants and sweeteners, with a view to adapting it to recent scientific and technical developments. **SUBSTANCE:** the proposed amendment to Directive 95/2/EC merely allows already authorized food additives to be used in certain new categories of food which are not included in the Directive. These products have been on the market for several years and the entry into force of the Directive would prohibit their marketing. Furthermore, the proposal for amendment takes into account certain foodstuffs manufactured in the new Member States which are not covered by the Directive and in which certain additives are used. Some new food additives, which are currently prohibited and which were recently evaluated by the Scientific Committee for Food and found acceptable for human consumption, are included in the proposal. No further changes can be made to the conditions of use laid down in the Directive until the results of the consumer surveys required by the basic Directive are available.