Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: to permit the use in foodstuffs of certain sweeteners which are currently on the market but not listed in the annex to Directive 94/35/EC. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Directive 96/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/35/EC on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs. SUBSTANCE: the purpose of the Directive is to permit the presence of sweeteners in foodstuffs consisting of two or more ingredients which contain sweeteners; it introduces a definition of 'quantum satis' in accordance with the provisions of the other food additives Directives. The Directive also applies to foodstuffs for particular uses as defined in Directive 89/398/EEC. Sweeteners cannot be used in foodstuffs intended for infants and young children as referred to in Directive 89/398/EEC. Moreover, the presence of sweeteners is permitted only in compound foodstuffs which do not contain added sugar or are energy-reduced, in compound dietary foodstuffs intended for a low-calorie diet and in compound foodstuffs with a long shelf-life. In the annex, the category 'vitamins and dietary preparations' is amended to read 'food supplements/diet integrators based on vitamins and/or mineral elements, syrup-type or chewable'. Member States must amend their legislation so as to: -authorize trade in products which conform to the Directive by 19/12/997; -prohibit trade in products not conforming to the Directive from 19 /06/1998. DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 26/02/1997.