Maximum levels for pesticide residues (amend. direct. 76/895/EEC, 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC, 90/462/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: to improve current conditions for fixing the maximum levels for pesticide residues on and in fruit and vegetables, cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin and certain products of plant origin, including fruits and vegetables. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 97/41/EC amending directives 76/895/EEC, 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC. CONTENT: the Council, acting by a qualified majority, with the German delegation voting against, adopted the directive amending current Community legislation relating to the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in numerous categories of foodstuffs. The directive seeks to: - extend the field of application of current regulations to dried, processed products etc.; - introduce a fast-track procedure for solving conflicts in the event of difficulties in intra-Community trade due a lack of harmonized maximum levels of residues; - introduce a coordinated Community monitoring programme; - introduce recourse to the regulatory committee rather than the Council procedure in order to fix harmonized maximum levels. DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION: 31 December 1998. -