

# Food additives other than colours and sweeteners

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**PURPOSE :** to amend Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners.

**COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Directive 98/72/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**CONTENT :** The amendments to the Directive authorise: - the use of certain already authorised additives in certain new categories of foodstuffs that do not yet fall within the scope of the Directive; - certain foodstuffs manufactured with certain additives in the 'new' Member States, which are not covered by the existing Directive; - certain new food additives currently prohibited which, following evaluation by the Scientific Committee for Food, were considered fit for human consumption. The main changes are as follow : - the inclusion of flour treatment agents within the scope of the Directive and the exclusion of enzymes; - the repeal of the entry on thiabendazole; - the repeal of E 507 (hydrochloric acid) in mozzarella and E 905 (microcrystalline wax) as a glazing agent for rice; - the authorisation of treatment of Mascarpone with nisin and peaches and pineapples with waxes. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** 04/11/1998. The Member States have undertaken to : -authorise trade in products conforming with this Directive by 4 May 2000 at the latest; - prohibit trade in products not conforming with this Directive from 4 November 2000.