

Basic information	
1995/0114(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Food additives other than colours and sweeteners Amending Directive 95/2/EC 1992/0424(COD) Subject 3.10.10 Foodstuffs, foodstuffs legislation 4.60.04.04 Food safety	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		RIIS-JØRGENSEN Karin (ELDR)	21/11/1995
	Former committee responsible		Former rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		RIIS-JØRGENSEN Karin (ELDR)	21/11/1995
	Former committee for opinion		Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date	
	Environment	1939	1996-06-25	
	Environment	1978	1996-12-09	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/05/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0177 	Summary
12/06/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
22/02/1996	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary

22/02/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0055/1996	
28/03/1996	Debate in Parliament		Summary
21/05/1996	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0212 	Summary
25/06/1996	Council position published	07367/1/1996	Summary
19/09/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
09/10/1996	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
09/10/1996	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0312/1996	
22/10/1996	Debate in Parliament		Summary
09/12/1996	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
19/12/1996	Final act signed		
19/12/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/03/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/0114(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Amendments and repeals	Amending Directive 95/2/EC 1992/0424(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 100A
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/07990

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0055/1996 OJ C 096 01.04.1996, p. 0003	22/02/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0153/1996 OJ C 117 22.04.1996, p. 0030-0036	28/03/1996	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0312/1996 OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0006	09/10/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0521/1996 OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0051-0079	23/10/1996	Summary
Council of the EU				

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Council position	07367/1/1996 OJ C 315 24.10.1996, p. 0009	25/06/1996	Summary	
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0177  OJ C 163 29.06.1995, p. 0012	16/05/1995	Summary	
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1996)0212  OJ C 208 19.07.1996, p. 0015	21/05/1996	Summary	
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1996)1245 	02/07/1996	Summary	
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1156/1995 OJ C 018 22.01.1996, p. 0020	25/10/1995	Summary

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Directive 1996/0085 OJ L 086 28.03.1997, p. 0004 Summary

Food additives other than colours and sweeteners

1995/0114(COD) - 25/06/1996 - Council position

The common position of the Council took into account the amendment by the European Parliament calling for the denomination of the substance to be changed into 'Processed Euchema seaweed', but retained the reference number, E407a, proposed by the Commission. The Council also accepted the principle that the additive should not be permitted in foodstuffs for children under the age of 18 months.

Food additives other than colours and sweeteners

1995/0114(COD) - 19/12/1996 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to amend Directive 95/2/EC to include processed Euchema seaweed in the list of food additives permitted within the European Union.
COMMUNITY MEASURE: European Parliament and Council Directive 96/85/EC amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners.
SUBSTANCE: the Directive permits the marketing and use in the European Union of the additives designated 'processed Euchema seaweed', assigned number E407a.
DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 04/04/1997
DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION : 28/06/1997

Food additives other than colours and sweeteners

1995/0114(COD) - 28/03/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs Karin RIIS-J-RGENSEN (ELDR), the European Parliament approved the proposal subject to an amendment calling for 'Processed Euchema seaweed' to be registered under its own denomination and classified as 'E408' and not as 'Alternatively refined carrageenan', classified as 'E407', in order to ensure that consumers were correctly informed. The EP also called for processed Euchema seaweed not to be used in foodstuffs for children under the age of 18 months.

Food additives other than colours and sweeteners

1995/0114(COD) - 23/10/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

In adopting the report by Mrs Karin RIIS-J-RGENSEN (ELDR, DK), Parliament approved the common position of the Council concerning the amendment of the 1992 Directive on food additives other than colours and sweeteners. For want of a qualified majority, the EP was unable to adopt the single amendment proposed with regard to the Euchema seaweed.

Food additives other than colours and sweeteners

1995/0114(COD) - 16/05/1995 - Legislative proposal

The Commission proposed amending Directive 95/2/EC with a view to including carrageenan refined via an alternative method in the list of food additives authorised within the European Union. Carrageenan (E407) was the official name for a highly refined extract used as a gelling agent in desserts and meat.

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1995/0114(COD) - 25/10/1995 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The ESC approved the proposal subject to the following amendments. The Commission was invited to choose a more meaningful name than 'alternatively refined carrageenan'. This name should be totally different from carrageenan E407 in order to avoid any confusion. The ESC suggested 'Eucheuma Gum' as a possibility. In addition, the E number should be clearly different from that used for carrageenan; the ESC proposed E408.

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1995/0114(COD) - 02/07/1996 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission accepted the common position, which was identical to the amended proposal.

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1995/0114(COD) - 25/06/1996

The Council adopted the common position by qualified majority, with the French delegation abstaining. The Danish delegation gave the following explanation of vote: Adopting the common position on the proposed amendment, Denmark recognises the qualified majority in Council in support of including food-additive 'E-407' (processed eucheuma seaweed) in Annex I to the above-mentioned directive. Denmark, in accordance with the amendments tabled by the European Parliament, prefers a number other than E-407a in order to permit a clearer distinction between processed eucheuma seaweed and the already-permitted 'E 407 Carrageenan'.

Food additives other than colours and sweeteners

1995/0114(COD) - 21/05/1996 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission's amended proposal incorporated the European Parliament's amendment concerning the change in the denomination of the substance ("processed Euchema seaweed"), which was in accordance with the denomination used in international trade. However, the Commission rejected the amendments concerning the assignment of number E408 and the non-use of the additive in babyfoods (Directive 95/2/EC already prohibits the use of additive E407a in babyfoods).