Basic information

1995/0251(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (amend. Directive 94/35/EEC) **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		

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	1929	1996-05-28
Environment	1978	1996-12-09
Environment	1939	1996-06-26

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/10/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0482	Summary
27/10/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
21/02/1996	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
25/06/1996	Council position published	07723/3/1996	Summary

19/09/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
24/09/1996	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
09/12/1996	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
19/12/1996	Final act signed		
19/12/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/02/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0251(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 66_o-p4 Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 100
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/07995

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0109/1996 OJ C 096 01.04.1996, p. 0015-0024	12/03/1996	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0512/1996 OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0049-0057	23/10/1996	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council position	07723/3/1996 OJ C 315 24.10.1996, p. 0012	25/06/1996	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0482	18/10/1995	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1996)1244	02/07/1996	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0406/1996 OJ C 174 17.06.1996, p. 0001	27/03/1996	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Directive 1996/0083
OJ L 048 19.02.1997, p. 0016 Summary

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

1995/0251(COD) - 27/03/1996 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The Committee approves the Commission proposal which, without changing its restrictive policy on sweeteners, updates the list of foodstuffs in which their use is authorized. The Committee fully supports the technical amendments made to Directive 94/35/EC and recommends that the Commission stick to one single method in printing the names of additives. It does, however, express some reservations about the cumbersome procedure adopted for a simple adaptation of the list. It therefore proposes consulting the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs, whose opinion must be adopted by a qualified majority, and resorting to a directive only where this method fails.

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

1995/0251(COD) - 12/03/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament approved the proposal for a directive.

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

1995/0251(COD) - 19/12/1996 - Final act

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.

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

1995/0251(COD) - 28/05/1996

The Council reached an agreement on the common position. The German and Swedish delegations announced their intention to vote against the common position during the formal adoption procedure. The text was then to be referred to Parliament for a second reading under the codecision procedure.

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

1995/0251(COD) - 26/06/1996

Following the agreement reached at the meeting of 23 November 1995, the Council formally adopted the common position by qualified majority.

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

1995/0251(COD) - 23/10/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

Parliament approved the common position of the Council without making any amendments.

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

1995/0251(COD) - 25/06/1996 - Council position

The common position adopted by the Council restricted the carry-over principle. 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. Certain categories of foodstuffs have also been defined more precisely in order to limit yet further the use of sweeteners. The category 'high-fibre breakfast cereals', in particular, is limited to prevent children from consuming excessive doses of sweeteners.

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

1995/0251(COD) - 02/07/1996 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission approved the common position, which was compatible with the objectives of the initial proposal.

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

1995/0251(COD) - 18/10/1995 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to amend Directive 94/35/EC in order to take account of technical developments, with a view to allowing the use of sweeteners which are already authorized in certain new categories of foodstuffs, whose use has previously not been permitted. SUBSTANCE: - the conditions for the use of sweeteners, which are laid down in Directive 94/35/EC, are not amended; - no new sweetener is added to the list; - addition of certain technical articles (definition of "quantum satis", introduction of the "carry over" clause) in order to harmonize the legal wording of Directive 94/35/EC with that of other directives on additives; - reformulation of those categories of foodstuffs in which the use of sweeteners is authorized, and which have been the subject of controversy, in particular the category "vitamins and dietary preparations" which is amended to read "food supplements/diet integrators (such as vitamins and mineral elements), whether syrup-type or chewable".