

Basic information	
1996/0114(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	Procedure completed
Foodstuffs :honey Amended by 2012/0260(COD) Amended by 2023/0105(COD) Subject 3.10.06.07 Sugar 4.60.02 Consumer information, advertising, labelling	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		LANNOYE Paul A.A.J.G. (V /ALE)	21/11/2000
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights		JANSSEN VAN RAAY James L. (UPE)	27/11/1997
	Former committee for opinion		Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		HAPPART José H.G. (PSE)	17/06/1996
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)		2265	2000-05-25
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)		2403	2001-12-20
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)		2051	1997-11-27

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
17/04/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0722 	Summary
19/07/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

08/10/1997	Vote in committee		
27/11/1997	Debate in Council		
27/11/1997	Vote in committee		
27/11/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0401/1997	
13/01/1998	Debate in Parliament		
21/04/1999	Vote in committee		
22/05/2000	Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation published	08701/2000	
06/10/2000	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
19/06/2001	Vote in committee		
19/06/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, reconsultation	A5-0217/2001	
06/09/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0447/2001	Summary
06/09/2001	Debate in Parliament		
20/12/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/12/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/01/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0114(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Amendments and repeals	Amended by 2012/0260(COD) Amended by 2023/0105(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0401/1997 OJ C 034 02.02.1998, p. 0003	27/11/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T4-0021/1998 OJ C 034 02.02.1998, p. 0058-0086	14/01/1998	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0373/1999 OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0024-0092	04/05/1999	Summary
Committee final report tabled for plenary, reconsultation		A5-0217/2001	19/06/2001	

Text adopted by Parliament after reconsultation		T5-0447/2001 OJ C 072 21.03.2002, p. 0237-0315 E	06/09/2001	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation		08701/2000	22/05/2000	
European Commission				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal		COM(1995)0722 	17/04/1996	Summary
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1259/1996 OJ C 056 24.02.1997, p. 0020	31/10/1996	Summary

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Directive 2001/0110 OJ L 010 12.01.2002, p. 0047-0052	Summary

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1996/0114(CNS) - 06/09/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament after reconsultation

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Paul LANNOYE (Greens, EFA, B). (Please refer to the previous text).

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1996/0114(CNS) - 14/01/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

After having voted to alter the legal basis (Article 100a rather than Article 43 of the EC Treaty) and adopted all the amendments proposed by the Committee on the Environment to the proposal concerning the simplification of the vertical directives on food, the European Parliament, in response to a request from Mr Paul LANNOYE (Greens, B), postponed its vote on the legislative proposals. Mr LANNOYE gave as grounds for his request for postponement the Commission's refusal to accept a large number of Parliament's amendments.

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1996/0114(CNS) - 31/10/1996

Subject to a number of comments, the Committee approves the Commission's proposals. It believes that they simplify existing directives on the products in question, and make them less prescriptive. The Committee also acknowledges the Commission's concentration on horizontal measures to protect consumers and the environment. The ESC believes that all references to the various additives should be omitted from the draft directives, since they are now regulated by the Directives on additives, sweeteners and colours. Instead, in each directive for foods where additives are permitted, there would be a separate article with a cross-reference to the three additive directives. The Committee considers the proposed implementation dates throughout to be unrealistically short. Given the time required nowadays for finalizing directives and the time taken by Member States for national implementation, they should all be revised. With reference to languages, the Committee points out that in several cases the proposal prescribes product names which are not those used by all consumers in a particular language. Normal consumer usage should be permitted throughout, and the Austrian terms must be added throughout.

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1996/0114(CNS) - 20/12/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to establish rules on the production and marketing of honey. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Directive 2001/110/EC relating to honey. CONTENT : The products within the scope of this Directive are defined in Annex I, and must meet the requirements in the Directive. Directive 2001/13/EC on food labelling applies to the products within the scope of the Directive, subject to certain conditions. These include particular provisions on baker's honey; provisions on labelling regarding the country or countries of origin where the honey has been harvested; and cases where honey originates from more than one Member State or third country. The Commission may adopt methods to permit verification of compliance of honey with the provisions of this Directive, in accordance with the comitology procedure laid down. Directive 74/409/EEC is repealed with effect from 01/08/03. DATE OF TRANSPOSITION : 01/08/03 ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01/02/02

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1996/0114(CNS) - 25/05/2000

The Council reached, subject to the new consultation procedure of the European Parliament, a policy agreement by a qualified majority on the Directive. The Spanish delegation announced that it would vote against the directive at the moment of its formal adoption in contrast to the Belgian delegation and the delegation from the United Kingdom who shall abstain.

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1996/0114(CNS) - 04/05/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Under consultation procedure, the European Parliament adopted the report by Paul A.A.J.G. Lannoye (V,BE), which approves the Commission proposal for a Council directive relating to honey, subject to amendments adopted at the sitting of 14/01/98, together with a compromise amendment making it obligatory that the country of origin be indicated on the label of honeys which originate in a country outside the Community.

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1996/0114(CNS) - 17/04/1996 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: pursuant to the undertakings given by the Community, simplification of certain vertical Directives relating to food to take account only of the essential requirements to be met by the products they cover in order that those products may move freely within the internal market. SUBSTANCE: the proposal for a Council Directive deletes the exemption in Directive 74/409/EEC allowing Member States to authorize designation of industrial or baker's honey as 'honey'. Moreover, the Commission intends to encourage the circles concerned to develop harmonized methods of analysis allowing verification of compliance with the quality specifications for honeys of various botanical or geographical origin.