COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 July 1996

amending Decision 94/652/EC establishing the inventory and distribution of tasks to be undertaken within the framework of cooperation by Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/460/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 93/5/EEC of 25 February 1993 on assistance to the Commission and cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food [1], and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 94/458/EC [2] laid down rules on the administrative management of cooperation in the scientific examination of questions relating to food;

Whereas Commission Decision 94/652/EC [3] established the inventory and distribution of tasks to be undertaken within the framework of cooperation by Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food; whereas Article 3 of Directive 93/5/EEC provides for the updating at least every six months of the inventory and distribution of tasks;

Whereas the inventory of tasks should be established and updated having regard to the need for the protection of public health within the Community and the requirements of Community legislation in the foodstuffs sector;

Whereas the tasks should be distributed having regard to the scientific expertise and resources available within the Member States and in particular, within the institutes which will be participating in the scientific cooperation;

Whereas the measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for Food;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 94/652/EC establishing the inventory and distribution of tasks to be undertaken within the framework of cooperation by Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 July 1996.

For the Commission

Martin BANGEMANN

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 52, 4. 3. 1993, p. 18.
[2] OJ No L 189, 23. 7. 1994, p. 84.
[3] OJ No L 253, 29. 9. 1994, p. 29.

ANNEX

Inventory of tasks to be undertaken by Member States within the framework of cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food

	Subject, nature and extent of the task	Member States to which the task is distributed	Time limit for completion
1.	Flavouring substances		
1.1.	Chemically defined flavouring substances To prepare reports for the safety evaluation of chemically defined flavouring substances To establish and maintain a physical and electronic archive of the available toxicological and exposure data for the substances concerned	Denmark (coordinator) Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom	30 June 1997
2.	Microbiology		
2.1.	Microbiological criteria Collation of scientific and methodological information with a view to the assessment of microbiological risks for certain foodstuffs.	France (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	31 December 1996
2.2.	Studies related to temperature control Study of the behaviour of pathogenic microorganisms over time and at various temperatures for a variety of foods likely to support the growth of such organisms	United Kingdom (coordinator) Denmark, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden	30 June 1996
3.	Contaminants		
3.1.	General questions		
3.1.1.	Unscheduled and urgent questions To coordinate the collection of data in the Member States required for risk assessment by the Scientific Committee for Food in response to unscheduled and urgent questions related to food contaminants	Italy, United Kingdom (overall coordinators) All Member States	30 June 1997
3.2.	Specific questions To prepare reports for SCF risk evaluation of specific contaminants with particular reference to dietary exposure in each Member State		
3.2.2.	Ochratoxin A	Denmark (coordinator) Belgium, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	30 June 1996
3.2.3.	Nitrate	Spain (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	30 June 1996
3.2.4.	Cadmium	Italy (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	30 June 1996

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4.	Intake and exposure assessments		
4.1.	Study of food consumption databases in the European Union Improvement in the knowledge of food consumption with a view to the protection of public health, by means of exchanges and collaboration between database managers	Ireland (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	31 July 1996
4.2.	Development of methodologies for the assessment of the dietary intake of food additives Development of systems for the monitoring of food additive consumption and use in the Member States in support of the requirement of Directive 89/107/EEC and its specific Directives on colours, sweeteners and miscellaneous additives	United Kingdom (coordinator) Denmark, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Sweden	30 June 1996
7.	Nutrition, allergies and health		
7.1.	Examination of scientific aspects of the addition of nutrients to food stuffs	Netherlands (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	30 June 1996
7.1.1.	Vitamins and Minerals		