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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 February 1997

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)

(97/174/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] has 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] has 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 in 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 is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 February 1997.

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, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom	31 December 2000
2. Microbiology		
2.3. Microbiological risk assessment Collection from participating Member States of information on methodology and data to underpin a process for microbiological risk assessment at European level.	France (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	31 December 1998
3. Contaminants		
3.1. General questions	Italy, United Kingdom (overall coordinators)	31 December 1999
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.	All the Member States	
4. Intake and exposure assessments		
4.2. Development of methodologies for the assessment of the dietary intake of food additives	United Kingdom (coordinator)	31 March 1997
Development of systems for the monitoring of food additive consumption and usage in the Member States in support of the requirement of Directive 89/107/EEC and its specific directives on colours, sweeteners and miscellaneous additives.	Denmark, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Sweden	
7. Nutrition, allergies and health		
7.2. Consideration of the epidemiological basis for appropriate measures for the protection of public health in respect of food allergy.	United Kingdom (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Sweden	31 December 1997
8. Packaging materials		
8.1. Preparation of summary data sheets or reports for the risk assessment of the substances used for or present in food contact materials.	Netherlands (coordinator) Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	31 December 2002