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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 July 1998

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

(notified under document number C(1998) 2055)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/479/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 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, 17 July 1998.

For the Commission

Martin BANGEMANN

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 52, 4. 3. 1993, p. 18.
[2] OJ L 189, 23. 7. 1994, p. 84.
[3] OJ 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 the European level	France (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom (1)	31 March 1999
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 the Member States (1)	31 December 1999
3.2. *Specific questions*		
3.2.5. Preparation of a working document in support of a EU risk evaluation on dioxins and related PCBs as food contaminants, covering the estimated dietary intakes in individual Member States	Netherlands, Sweden (overall coordinators) Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Finland, United Kingdom (1)	31 December 1999
3.2.6. Provision of validated methods to support the SCF recommendations regarding 3-monochloropropanediol (3-MCPD) in hydrolised vegetable protein (HVP) and other foods	United Kingdom (coordinator) Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, Italy, Austria (1)	30 June 2000
6. **Novel foods**		
6.1. Collection of data on potential adverse effects of novel micro-organisms, including those which are genetically modified, on intestinal flora	Ireland (coordinator) Denmark, Germany, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom (1)	31 December 1998
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 (1)	31 December 2002

(1) Norway participates in this task.