COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 October 2000

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

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/669/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:

(1) 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.

(2) 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. Article 3 of Directive 93/5/EEC provides for the updating at least every six months of the inventory and distribution of tasks.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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, 18 October 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[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 as listed in the register in the Annex to Commission Decision 1999/217/EC of 23 February 1999 — to prepare reports for the safety evaluation of chemically defined flavouring substances according to the evaluation programme referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 2232/96; — 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, Austria, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom	31 May 2005
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 (joint coordinators) All the Member States (*)	31 December 2000
3.2. Specific questions		
3.2.6. Provision of validated methods to support the SCF recommendations regarding 3-monochlorpropanediol (3-MCPD) in hydrolised vegetable protein (HVP) and other foods	United Kingdom (coordinator) Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria (*)	31 August 2000
3.2.7. Assessment of dietary intake of ochratoxin A by the population of EU Member States	Italy (coordinator) Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom (*)	31 December 2000
3.2.8. Assessment of dietary intake of patulin by the population of EU Member States	Germany (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom (*)	30 June 2001
3.2.9. Collection and collation of data on levels of 3-monochlorpropanediol (3-MCPD) and related substances in foodstuffs	Sweden, United Kingdom (joint coordinator) Denmark, Germany, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Austria, Finland (*)	31 December 2001
7. Nutrition, allergies and health		
7.3. Collection of data on products intended for use in very low calorie diets	Netherlands (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom (*)	31 May 2001
7.4. Study of the enzymes used in foodstuffs and collation of data on their safety	France (coordinator) Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, United Kingdom	30 September 2000

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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, Ireland, Italy, Finland, Sweden United Kingdom (*)	31 December 2002
9.	Official Food Control		
9.1.	Preparation of a working document in support of the uniform interpretation of legislative standards and the laboratory quality standards prescribed under Directive 93/99/EEC	United Kingdom (coordinator) Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden (*)	31 December 2000

(*) Norway participates in this task.