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COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 24 October 1967

amending the Council Directive on the approximation of the rules of the Member States concerning the colouring matters authorised for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

(67/653/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 100 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament[1];

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee[2];

Whereas, under Article 2 (1) of the Council Directive of 23 October 1962[3] on the approximation of the rules of the Member States concerning the colouring matters authorised for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption, as amended by Article 1 (1) of the Council Directive of 25 October 1965,[4] Member States may until 31 December 1966 maintain the provisions of their existing national rules concerning the colouring matters listed in Annex II to that Directive.

Whereas certain colouring matters listed in Annex II to the Directive of 23 October 1962, namely erythrosine and acid brilliant green BS, which are in general use in several Member States for colouring foodstuffs may, as shown by scientific research, be used without danger to human health; whereas their use is necessary for economic reasons;

Whereas, if the use of these colouring matters is to be authorised, specific criteria of purity which they must satisfy must be laid down;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Council Directive of 23 October 1962 shall be amended as follows:

[1] OJ No 63, 3.4.1967, p. 966/67.
[2] OJ No 64, 5.4.1967, p. 1008/67.
[3] OJ No 115, 11.11.1962, p. 2645/62.
[4] OJ No 178, 26.10.1965, p. 2793/65.

1. The following shall be added to Section 1 of Annex I:

— After E 126:

'E 127	Erythrosine	887	(773) 45 430	93	Disodium or dipotassium salt of 2, 4, 5, 7-tetraiodo-fluorescein'

— After E 141:

'E 142	Acid brilliant green BS (lissamine green)	836	(737) 44 090	86	Sodium salt of 4,4-bis (dimethyl-amino) diphenyl-methylene-2-naphthol-3,6-disulphonic acid'

In Annex II, Section I, the details concerning erythrosine and acid brilliant green BS (lissamine green) shall be deleted.

2. The following shall be added to Annex III:

— After E 126:

'E 127 Erythrosine

Products insoluble in water:	not more than 0·2%
Mineral iodides:	not more than 1000 mg/kg (assessed as sodium iodide)
Accessory colourings:	not more than 3%
Fluorescein:	no detectable trace.'

— After E 141:

'E 142 Acid brilliant green BS

Products insoluble in water:	not more than 0·2%
Accessory colourings:	not more than 1%.'

Article 2

Member States shall not later than 1 January 1968, bring into force the measures necessary to comply with this Directive and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 October 1967.

For the Council

The President

K. SCHILLER