COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 96/21/EC

of 29 March 1996

amending Commission Directive 94/54/EC concerning the compulsory indication on the labelling of certain foodstuffs of particulars other than those provided for in Directive 79/112/EEC

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 79/112/EEC of 18 December 1978 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs [1], and in particular Article 4 (2) thereof,

Having regard to European Parliament and Council Directive 94/35/EC of 30 June 1994 on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs, and in particular Article 6 thereof [2],

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Commission Directive 94/54/EC of 18 November 1994 concerning the compulsory indication on the labelling of certain foodstuffs of particulars other than those provided for in Directive 79/112/EEC [3] contains a list of foodstuffs for which the labelling must include one or more additional particulars;

Whereas the purpose of this Directive is to supplement the said Annex with regard to foodstuffs containing sweeteners;

Whereas, having regard to the scope and effects of the proposed action, the Community measures introduced by this Directive are not only necessary but essential if the objectives set are to be attained; whereas those objectives cannot be attained by the Member States acting individually; whereas, moreover, Directive 94/35/EC already provides for the attainment of such objectives at Community level;

Whereas, with a view to providing adequate consumer information, the labelling of foodstuffs which contain sweeteners must bear details to that effect;

Whereas, moreover, warnings should also be given on the labelling of foodstuffs containing certain categories of sweetener;

Whereas, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 17 of Directive 79/112/EEC and Article 7 of Directive 94/35/EC, a draft of this Directive was submitted to the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs; whereas the latter was unable to deliver an opinion; whereas in accordance with that same procedure the Commission has submitted a proposal to the Council regarding the measures to be adopted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Annex to Directive 94/54/EC is hereby supplemented as follows:

[1] OJ No L 33, 8. 2. 1979, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 93/102/EC (OJ No L 291, 25. 11. 1993, p. 14).
[2] OJ No L 237, 10. 9. 1994, p. 3.
[3] OJ No L 300, 23. 11. 1994, p. 14.