COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 20 December 1985

amending Directive 64/54/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

(85/585/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 (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (2),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (3),

Whereas Directive 64/54/EEC (4), as last amended by Directive 85/172/EEC (5), lays down a list of preservatives which may be used for the protection of foodstuffs intended for human consumption against deterioration caused by micro-organisms;

Whereas potassium acid sulphite (potassium bisulphite) may be used in wine production as an alternative to other sulphites already permitted by the said Directive, and therefore should be added to the list under No E 228;

Whereas, without prejudice to future general Community rules on the surface treatment of fruit, in order to remove any uncertainty about the acceptability of thiabendazole (E 233), the deadline for its authorized use should be removed with effect from 16 September 1984,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Annex to Directive 64/54/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

(i) the following shall be inserted under entry I:

EEC No	Name	Conditions of use
E 228	Potassium acid sulphite (Potassium bisulphite)	

(ii) Under E 233 in the column 'Conditions of use', point (c) shall be deleted with effect from 1 January 1986.

Article 2

Member States shall bring into force not later than 31 December 1986 the laws, regulations or administrative procedures necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1985.

For the Council

The President

R. STEICHEN

(1) OJ No C 33, 17. 12. 1981, p. 7.
(2) OJ No C 125, 17. 5. 1982, p. 117.
(3) OJ No C 178, 15. 7. 1982, p. 4.
(4) OJ No 12, 27. 1. 1964, p. 161/64.
(5) OJ No L 65, 6. 3. 1985, p. 22.