COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 12 July 1982

amending Directive 78/663/EEC laying down specific criteria of purity for emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs

(82/504/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 74/329/EEC of 18 June 1974 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs [1], as last amended by Directive 80/597/EEC [2], and in particular Article 7 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Directive 78/663/EEC [3] lays down specific criteria of purity for emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickness and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs;

Whereas Directive 80/597/EEC has amended Annex I to Directive 74/329/EEC so as to authorize Xanthan gum (E 415) and powdered cellulose (E 460 — (ii)) and, for this reason, the criteria of purity of these substances should be defined and the nomenclature of E 460 amended in consequence;

Whereas Directive 78/663/EEC provides that, as regards substances E 474 and E 477, the Council may, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission, decide on any necessary amendments by 31 December 1981;

Whereas the criteria of purity for substances E 400, E 401, E 402, E 403, E 404 and E 405 should be modified to take account of scientific developments, particularly of methods of analysis,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Directive 78/663/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 2 shall be replaced by the following:

   '*Article 2*

   As regards the substances referred to in the Annex under E 477, Member States may, until 31 December 1984, authorize for use in foodstuffs a product containing not more than 4 % dimer and trimer of propane-1,2-diol.'

2. The Annex shall be amended as follows:

   (a) Under E 400, E 401, E 402, E 403, E 404 and E 405, the entries relating to insoluble matter in dilute NaOH shall be deleted, and the text of the entries relating to acid-insoluble ash shall be replaced by 'Not more than 2 %'.

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[1] OJ No L 189, 12. 7. 1974, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 155, 23. 6. 1980, p. 23.
[3] OJ No L 223, 14. 8. 1978, p. 7.