COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 29 May 1980

amending for the second time Directive 74/329/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs

(80/597/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 74/329/EEC (4), as last amended by Directive 78/612/EEC (5), lays down a single list of emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents which may be authorized for use in foodstuffs by the Member States;

Whereas having regard to the most recent scientific and technical knowledge the reference to microcrystalline cellulose (E 460) in Annex I to Directive 78/612/EEC must be reworded; whereas the use of tragacanth (E 413) should be re-evaluated after an enquiry by the Commission;

Whereas Annex II to Directive 74/329/EEC indicates the designations of the substances which may be temporarily authorized by Member States for use in foodstuffs;

Whereas Article 3 (1) of Directive 74/329/EEC authorizes this derogation for a period of five years from the date of notification of the Directive;

Whereas having regard to the most recent scientific and technical knowledge the said Annex II must be revised; whereas, therefore, for certain substances, the period of temporary authorization must be prolonged to permit the completion of certain toxicological investigations necessary in the light of present-day requirements regarding the safety of their use in foodstuffs;

Whereas other substances for which the necessary toxicological investigations have been completed cannot be accepted at Community level unless conditions of use and purity criteria are stipulated; whereas their use may be authorized without limit in time by Member States;

Whereas the scientific and technical knowledge on Xanthan gum is sufficient to allow its transfer to Annex I to Directive 74/329/EEC; whereas Ghatti gum must no longer be used but nevertheless a temporary period must be provided to allow the sale of foodstuffs containing this substance which are already on the market;

Whereas extract of quillaia is no longer covered by Directive 74/329/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Directive 74/329/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 2 shall be replaced by the following:

   '2. However, as regards the substances referred to in Annex I under E 413 and E 440b, the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 100 of the Treaty, may decide, by 31 December 1982 and on the basis of a study by the Commission, to delete them from that Annex or otherwise change their status.'

2. The following Article shall be inserted:

   '*Article 2a*

   1. Notwithstanding Article 2 (1), Member States may authorize the use in foodstuffs of the substances listed below:

   Ammonium phosphatides,
   Polyglycerol polyricinoleate,

(1) OJ No C 115, 8. 5. 1979, p. 10.
(2) OJ No C 4, 7. 1. 1980, p. 64
(3) OJ No C 247, 1. 10. 1979, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 189, 12. 7. 1. 1980, p. 64.
(5) OJ No L 197, 22. 7. 1978, p. 22.