

COMMISSION DECISION**of 4 December 2001****correcting Directive 2001/22/EC laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and 3-MCPD in foodstuffs***(notified under document number C(2001) 3913)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2001/873/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 85/591/EEC of 20 December 1985 concerning the introduction of Community methods of sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs intended for human consumption ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Directive 2001/22/EC of 8 March 2001 laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and 3-MCPD in foodstuffs ⁽²⁾ establishes and harmonises the technical measures for the sampling and analysis methods to be used for the monitoring of the concerned contaminants.
- (2) In the text published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* a material error occurred in the date for the bringing into force of the laws, regulations or administrative provisions by Member States in order to comply with the above directive.

- (3) It is necessary to correct Directive 2001/22/EC accordingly.

- (4) The measures provided in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In the first paragraph of Article 3 of Directive 2001/22/EC '5 April 2003' is replaced by '5 April 2002'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 December 2001.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 372, 31.12.1985, p. 50.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 77, 16.3.2001, p. 14.