

Directive 1999/3/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council  
of 22 February 1999 on the establishment of a Community list  
of foods and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation

*Article 1*

1 Without prejudice to the Community positive list to be established in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 4(3) of the framework Directive, this Directive establishes a Community initial positive list of food and food ingredients, hereinafter referred to as 'foodstuffs', that may be treated with ionising radiation, together with the maximum doses authorised for the intended purpose.

2 Treatment of the products in question with ionising radiation may be carried out only in accordance with the provisions of the framework Directive. In particular, test methods shall be used in accordance with Article 7(3) of the framework Directive.

3 The foodstuffs that may be treated with ionising radiation and the maximum overall average dose that may be imparted are listed in the Annex.

*Article 2*

Member States may not prohibit, restrict or hinder the marketing of foodstuffs irradiated in accordance with the general provisions of the framework Directive and the provisions of this Directive on the grounds that they have been so treated.

*Article 3*

Any amendments to this Directive, shall be made in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 100a of the Treaty.

*Article 4*

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions to comply with this Directive in such a way as to permit the marketing and use of irradiated foodstuffs which comply with this Directive by 20 September 2000.

They shall inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

*Article 5*

This Directive shall enter into force on the seventh day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

*Article 6*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 February 1999.

*For the European Parliament*

*The President*

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*For the Council*

*The President*

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