Tuesday 4 May 1999

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive relating to honey (COM(95)0722 — C4-0403/96 — 96/0114(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(95)0722 — 96/0114(CNS) ([1]),

— having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (now Article 37) of the EC Treaty (C4-0403/96),

— having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights (A4-0401/97),

1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;

2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;

3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;

4. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;

5. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

([1]) OJ C 231, 9.8.1996, p. 10.

III.

Proposal for a Council Directive relating to fruit juices and certain similar products intended for human consumption (COM(95)0722 — C4-0404/96 — 96/0115(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the amendments adopted at the sitting of 14 January 1998 ([1]) and the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION (*)	AMENDMENTS BY PARLIAMENT
(Compromise amendment 77) *	
Recital 8	
Whereas the addition of vitamins to the products defined by this Directive is permitted in some Member States; whereas, however, the extension of this possibility to the whole of the Community is not envisaged; whereas, therefore, Member States are free to authorise or prohibit the addition of vitamins as part of the manufacturing process; whereas in all circumstances, however, the principles of the free movement of products within the Community should be observed in accordance with the rules and principles laid down in the Treaty;	Whereas the addition of vitamins to the products defined by this Directive is permitted in some Member States; whereas, however, the extension of this possibility to the whole of the Community is not envisaged; whereas, therefore, Member States are free to authorise or prohibit the addition of vitamins as part of the manufacturing process; whereas in all circumstances, however, the principles of the free movement of products within the Community should be observed in accordance with the rules and principles laid down in the Treaty; **whereas, in regard to fruit juices to which vitamins have been added, consumers must be guaranteed correct information about the composition of the product by providing further information on the label in addition to the list of ingredients;**

** Amendment 34 falls*

([1]) OJ C 34, 2.2.1998, p. 91.
(*) OJ C 231, 9.8.1996, p. 14.