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adapting the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (unanimity)

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission¹ repealed Decision 87/373/EEC of 13 July 1987.

Statement No 2 of the Council and of the Commission on Decision 1999/468/EC specifies that the Council and the Commission agree that the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers, provided for in application of Decision 87/373/EEC, should be adapted in order to bring them into line with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

The joint statement provides that procedures of type I, IIa, IIb, IIIa and IIIb should be automatically brought into line, whereas the amendment of the safeguard procedures should be done on a case-by-case basis.

This Regulation does not affect either the substantive provisions of the amended legislative acts or the application of the latter.

This Regulation, which aims to bring into line the legislative acts which establish the committees and the legislative acts which refer to these committees, does not affect the nature of the committees provided for by the basic act.

This Regulation does not apply to the legislative acts which have already been brought into line by an act amending the basic act.

The Regulation does not prejudice the Commission's proposals for legislative acts amending the basic act which have been submitted since 18 July 1999, the date of entry into force of Council Decision 1999/468/EC.

This Regulation applies to legislative acts which are still in force when it enters into force.

¹ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

adapting the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted under the assent procedure

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 161 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission¹,

Having regard to the assent of the European Parliament²,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee³,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of Regions⁴,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission⁵ repealed Decision 87/373/EEC⁶.
- (2) In accordance with the joint statement of the Council and of the Commission⁷ on Decision 1999/468/EC, the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers, provided for in application of Decision 87/373/EEC, should be adapted in order to bring them into line with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (3) The aforesaid statement indicates the methods for adapting the committee procedures, which is automatic provided that this does not affect the nature of the committee provided for in the basic act.
- (4) The time limits set in the provisions to be adapted must remain in force. Wherever there is no specific time limit laid down for adopting the implementing measures, the time limit should be set at three months.
- (5) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to the type I committee procedure established by Decision 87/373/EEC should therefore be replaced by

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⁵ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁶ OJ L 197, 18.7.1987, p. 33.

⁷ OJ C 203, 17.7.1999, p. 1.

provisions referring to the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

- (6) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to type IIa and IIb committee procedures established by Decision 87/373/EEC should be replaced by provisions referring to the management procedure provided for in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With regard to the advisory procedure, the instrument referred to in the annex is amended in accordance with Annex I.

Article 2

With regard to the management procedure, the instrument referred to in the annex is amended in accordance with Annex II.

Article 3

References to provisions of the instruments in the annexes are understood to be references to these provisions as amended by this Regulation.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Council
The President

ANNEX I

Advisory procedure

Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds (OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1).

Article 47(2) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where the Committees mentioned in paragraph 1(a), (c) and (d) are acting as Consultative Committees pursuant to Articles 48, 50 and 51 respectively, the procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.”

ANNEX II

Management procedure

Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds (OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1).

Article 47(3) is replaced by the following:

“3. Where the Committees mentioned in paragraph 1(a), (c) and (d) are acting as Management Committees pursuant to Articles 48, 50 and 51 respectively, the procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission¹ repealed Decision 87/373/EEC of 13 July 1987.

Statement No 2 of the Council and of the Commission on Decision 1999/468/EC specifies that the Council and the Commission agree that the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers, provided for in application of Decision 87/373/EEC, should be adapted in order to bring them into line with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

The joint statement provides that procedures of type I, IIa, IIb, IIIa and IIIb should be automatically brought into line, whereas the amendment of the safeguard procedures should be done on a case-by-case basis.

This Regulation does not affect either the substantive provisions of the amended legislative acts or the application of the latter.

This Regulation, which aims to bring into line the legislative acts which establish the committees and the legislative acts which refer to these committees, does not affect the nature of the committees provided for by the basic act.

This Regulation does not apply to the legislative acts which have already been brought into line by an act amending the basic act.

The Regulation does not prejudice the Commission's proposals for legislative acts amending the basic act which have been submitted since 18 July 1999, the date of entry into force of Council Decision 1999/468/EC.

This Regulation applies to legislative acts which are still in force when it enters into force.

¹ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p.23.

Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

adapting the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in European Parliament and Council instruments adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 40, 47, 55, 71, 80, 95, 137, 150, 152, 153, 155, 156, 175, 179, 285 and 300(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission¹,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee²,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of Regions³,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty⁴,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission⁵ repealed Decision 87/373/EEC⁶.
- (2) In accordance with the joint statement of the Council and of the Commission⁷ on Decision 1999/468/EC, the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers, provided for in application of Decision 87/373/EEC, should be adapted in order to bring them into line with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (3) The aforesaid statement indicates the methods for adapting the committee procedures, which is automatic provided that this does not affect the nature of the committee provided for in the basic act.

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⁵ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p.23.

⁶ OJ L 197, 18.7.1987, p.33.

⁷ OJ C 203, 17.7.1999, p. 1.

- (4) The time limits set in the provisions to be adapted must remain in force. Wherever there is no specific time limit laid down for adopting the implementing measures, the time limit should be set at three months.
- (5) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to the type I committee procedure established by Decision 87/373/EEC should therefore be replaced by provisions referring to the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (6) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to type IIa and IIb committee procedures established by Decision 87/373/EEC should be replaced by provisions referring to the management procedure provided for in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (7) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to type IIIa and IIIb committee procedures established by Decision 87/373/EEC should be replaced by provisions referring to the regulatory procedure provided for in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With regard to the advisory procedure, the instruments listed in Annex I are amended in accordance with this Annex.

Article 2

With regard to the management procedure, the listed in Annex II are amended in accordance with this Annex.

Article 3

With regard to the regulatory procedure, the instruments listed in Annex III are amended in accordance with this Annex.

Article 4

References to provisions of the instruments in the annexes are understood to be references to these provisions as amended by this Regulation.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President

ANNEX I

Advisory procedure

List of amended instruments:

1. Council Directive 88/378/EEC of 3 May 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the safety of toys (OJ L 187 of 16.7.1988, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the harmonised standards referred to in Article 5(1) do not entirely satisfy the essential requirements referred to in Article 3, the Commission or the Member State concerned shall refer the matter to the Standing Committee set up under Directive 98/34/EEC, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, setting out its reasons. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay. In the light of the Committee’s opinion, the Commission shall inform the Member States whether or not it is necessary to withdraw those standards, or a part of them, from the publications referred to in Article 5(1).
- (2) The Commission shall inform the European standardisation body concerned and, if necessary, issue a new standardisation brief.”

2. Council Directive 89/336/EEC of 3 May 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility (OJ L 139 of 23.5.1989, p. 19).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the harmonised standards referred to in Article 7(1)(a) do not entirely meet the requirements referred to in Article 4, the Member State concerned or the Commission shall bring the matter before the Standing Committee set up under Directive 98/34/EEC, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, giving the reasons therefor. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay. In the light of the Committee’s opinion, the Commission shall inform the Member States as soon as possible whether or not it is necessary to withdraw those standards in whole or in part from the publications referred to in Article 7(1)(a).”
- (2) After receipt of the communication referred to in Article 7(2), the Commission shall consult the Committee. Upon receipt of the latter’s opinion, the Commission shall inform the Member States as soon as possible whether or not the national standard in question shall enjoy the presumption of conformity and, if so, that the references thereof shall be published nationally. If the Commission or a Member State considers that a national standard no longer satisfies the necessary conditions for presumption of

compliance with the protection requirements referred to in Article 4, the Commission shall consult the Committee, which shall give its opinion without delay.

- (3) Upon receipt of the latter's opinion, the Commission shall inform the Member States as soon as possible whether or not the standard in question shall continue to enjoy a presumption of conformity and, if not, that it must be withdrawn in whole or in part from the publications referred to in Article 7(2).

3. Council Directive 89/686/EEC of 21 December 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment (OJ L 399 of 30.12.1989, p. 18).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the harmonised standards referred to in Article 5 do not entirely satisfy the essential requirements referred to in Article 3, the Commission or the Member State concerned shall bring the matter before the Committee set up under Directive 98/34/EEC (1), giving the reasons therefor. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay. Upon receipt of the committee's opinion, the Commission shall inform the Member States whether or not it is necessary to withdraw those standards from the published information referred to in Article 5. ”

- (2) The Standing Committee set up by Article 6(2) of Directive 98/37/EEC (2) may be apprised, in accordance with the procedure described below, of any matter to which the implementation and practical application of this Directive give rise. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

4. Council Directive 90/384/EEC of 20 June 1990 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to non-automatic weighing instruments (OJ L 189 of 20.7.1990, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the harmonised standards referred to in Article 5(1) do not entirely meet the essential requirements referred to in Article 3, the Commission or the Member State concerned shall bring the matter before the Standing Committee set up under Directive 98/34/EEC, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, giving the reasons therefor. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. In the light of the Committee's opinion, the Commission shall inform

the Member States whether or not it is necessary to withdraw those standards from the publications referred to in Article 5(2).”

5. Council Directive 90/385/EEC of 20 June 1990 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices (OJ L 189 of 20.7.1990, p. 17).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the harmonised standards referred to in Article 5 do not entirely meet the essential requirements referred to in Article 3, the Commission or the Member State concerned shall bring the matter before the Standing Committee set up under Directive 98/34/EEC, giving the reasons therefor. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay. In the light of the opinion of the Committee, the Commission shall inform Member States of the measures to be taken with regard to the standards and the publication referred to in Article 5.
- (2) A Standing Committee, hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee', shall be set up, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. The committee shall draw up its rules of procedure. Any matter relating to the implementation and practical application of this Directive may be brought before the Committee, in accordance with the procedure set out below. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

6. Council Directive 90/396/EEC of 29 June 1990 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to appliances burning gaseous fuels (OJ L 196 of 26.7.1990, p. 15).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the standards referred to in Article 5(1) do not entirely meet the essential requirements referred to in Article 3, the Commission or the Member State concerned shall bring the matter before the Standing Committee set up under Directive 98/34/EEC, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, giving the reasons therefor. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) In the light of the Committee’s opinion, the Commission shall inform the Member States whether or not it is necessary to withdraw those standards from the publications referred to in Article 5(1). 4. After receipt of the communication referred to in

Article 5(2), the Commission shall consult the Committee. Upon receipt of the latter's opinion, the Commission shall, within one month, inform the Member States whether or not the national standard(s) in question are to enjoy the presumption of conformity; if they are, the Member States shall publish the reference numbers of those standards. The Commission shall also publish them in the Official Journal of the European Communities."

7. Council Directive 90/377/EEC of 29 June 1990 concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users (OJ L 185 of 17.7.1990, p. 16).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

"Article 7

- (1) In the case of any changes to the Annexes, as referred to in Article 6, the Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof."

8. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3880/91 of 17 December 1991 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic (OJ L 365 of 31.12.1991, p. 1).

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

"Article 5

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of the representatives of the Member States, chaired by a representative of the Commission and matters shall be referred by the Chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof."

9. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 of 23 July 1992 on access for Community air carriers to intra-Community air routes (OJ L 240 of 24.8.1992, p. 8).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

"Article 11

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) The Committee shall advise the Commission on the application of Articles 9 and 10. 3. The Committee may furthermore be consulted by the Commission on any other matter concerning the application of this Regulation. 4. The committee shall draw up its rules

of procedure. 5. Where reference is made to this Article, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

10. Council Directive 93/15/EEC of 5 April 1993 on the harmonisation of the provisions relating to the placing on the market and supervision of explosives for civil uses (OJ L 121 of 15.5.1993, p. 20).

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

“Article 5

- (1) Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the harmonised standards referred to in Article 4 do not entirely meet the essential requirements referred to in Article 3, the Commission or the Member State concerned shall bring the matter before the Standing Committee set up under Directive 98/34/EEC, giving the reasons therefor. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. 3. In the light of the opinion of the Committee, the Commission shall inform Member States of the measures to be taken with regard to the standards and the publication referred to in Article 4.”

11. Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices (OJ L 169 of 12.7.1993, p. 1).

Article 6(2) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

12. Council Decision 93/704/EC of 30 November 1993 on the creation of a Community database on road accidents (OJ L 329 of 30.12.1993, p. 63).

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

“Article 5

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee established under Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

13. Directive 94/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 March 1994 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (OJ L 100 of 19.4.1994, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the harmonised standards referred to in Article 5(2) do not entirely satisfy the relevant essential health and safety requirements referred to in Article 3, the Commission or the Member State concerned shall bring the matter before the Standing Committee set up under Directive 98/34/EEC, giving reasons therefor. The Committee shall be composed of representatives appointed by the Member States and chaired by a representative from the Commission. It shall draw up its own rules of procedure. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay. Upon receipt of the Committee's opinion, the Commission shall inform the Member States whether or not it is necessary to withdraw those standards from the published information referred to in Article 5(2).
- (2) The Commission may adopt any appropriate measure with a view to ensuring the practical application in a uniform manner of this Directive in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 3.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (4) The Standing Committee may, in addition, examine any question concerning the application of this Directive and raised by its chairman, either at the chairman's initiative or at the request of a Member State.”

14. Decision No 3092/94/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 December 1994 introducing a Community system of information on home and leisure accidents (OJ L 331 of 21.12.1994, p. 1).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee set up by Article 10(1) of Directive 92/59/EEC.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The Committee may, at the request of the Commission or a Member State, examine any issue linked with the application of this Decision.”

15. Directive 95/16/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 June 1995 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to lifts (OJ L 213 of 7.9.1995, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the harmonised standards referred to in Article 5 (2) do not entirely satisfy the essential requirements referred to in Article 3, the Commission or the Member State concerned shall bring the matter before the Standing Committee set up under Directive 98/34/EEC, giving the reasons therefor. The Committee shall be composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. It shall draw up its own rules of procedure. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay. Upon receipt of the committee's opinion, the Commission shall inform the Member States whether or not it is necessary to withdraw those standards from the published information referred to in Article 5(2).
- (2) The Commission may adopt any appropriate measure with a view to ensuring the practical application in a uniform manner of this Directive in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 3.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (4) The Standing Committee may, in addition, examine any question concerning the application of this Directive and raised by its chairman, either at the chairman's initiative or at the request of a Member State.”

16. Council Directive 96/67/EC of 15 October 1996 on access to the groundhandling market at Community airports (OJ L 272 of 25.10.1996, p. 36).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) The Committee shall advise the Commission on the application of Article 9.
- (3) The Committee may furthermore be consulted by the Commission on any other matter concerning the application of this Directive.
- (4) The committee shall draw up its rules of procedure.
- (5) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

17. Council Directive 96/75/EC of 19 November 1996 on the systems of chartering and pricing in national and international inland waterway transport in the Community (OJ L 304 of 27.11.1996, p. 12).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee established by Directive 91/672/EEC.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

18. Directive 97/23/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 May 1997 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning pressure equipment (OJ L 181 of 9.7.1997, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following

“Article 6

Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the standards referred to in Article 5 (2) do not entirely meet the essential requirements referred to in Article 3, the Member State concerned or the Commission shall inform the Standing Committee set up by Article 5 of Directive 98/34/EEC giving the reasons therefor. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay. Taking into account the Committee's opinion, the Commission shall notify the Member States as to whether or not those standards should be withdrawn from the publications referred to in Article 5(2).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) The Commission may take any appropriate measure to implement the following provisions: Where a Member State considers that, for very serious safety reasons,
 - an item or family of pressure equipment referred to in Article 3(3) should be subject to the requirements of Article 3(1), or
 - an assembly or family of assemblies referred to in Article 3(3) should be subject to the requirements of Article 3(2), or
 - an item or family of pressure equipment should be classified, by way of derogation from the requirements of Annex II, in another category, it shall submit a duly substantiated request to the Commission and ask it to take the necessary measures. Those measures shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 3.
- (2) The Commission shall be assisted by a Standing Committee, hereafter referred to as “the Committee”, composed of representatives appointed by the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission. The committee shall draw up its rules of procedure.

- (3) The representative of the Commission shall submit to the Committee a draft of the measures to be taken pursuant to paragraph 1. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (4) The Committee may furthermore examine any other matter relating to the implementation and practical application of this Directive and raised by its chairman either on his own initiative or at the request of a Member State.”

19. Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices (OJ L 331 of 7.12.1998, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the committee instituted by Article 5 of Directive 98/34/EC.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

20. Decision No 283/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 January 1999 establishing a general framework for Community activities in favour of consumers (OJ L 34 of 9.2.1999, p. 1).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

- (1) In defining the criteria for the selection of activities and projects referred to in Article 2(b) and (c) and in selecting these activities and projects, the Commission shall be assisted by a committee of an advisory nature composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) In addition, at the beginning of each year, the Commission shall provide the Committee with information about the activities financed under Article 2(a).”

21. Decision No 372/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 February 1999 adopting a programme of Community action on injury prevention in the framework for action in the field of public health (1999 to 2003) (OJ L 46 of 20.2.1999, p. 1).

Article 5(3) is replaced by the following:

“3. In addition, the Commission may consult the Committee on any other matter concerning the implementation of the programme. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

22. Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 1999 on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity (OJ L 91 of 7.4.1999, p. 10).

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

- (1) The committee shall be consulted on the matters covered by Articles 5, 6(2), 7(4), 9(4) and Annex VII(5).
- (2) The Commission shall consult the committee periodically on the surveillance tasks related to the application of this Directive, and, where appropriate, issue guidelines on this matter.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof and the Commission shall decide within one month after having received the opinion of the committee.
- (4) The Commission shall periodically consult the representatives of the telecommunications networks providers, the consumers and the manufacturers. It shall keep the committee regularly informed of the outcome of such consultations.”

23. Council Directive 1999/13/EC of 11 March 1999 on the limitation of emissions of volatile organic compounds due to the use of organic solvents in certain activities and installations (OJ L 85 of 23.3.1999, p. 1).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by an Advisory Committee made up of representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

24. Council Decision 1999/382/EC of 26 April 1999 establishing the second phase of the Community vocational training action programme 'Leonardo da Vinci' (OJ L 146 of 11.6.1999, p. 33).

Article 7(5) is replaced by the following:

“(5) The representative of the Commission shall consult the Committee on other appropriate matters concerning implementation of this programme. In this case, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

25. Council Directive 1999/32/EC of 26 April 1999 relating to a reduction in the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels and amending Directive 93/12/EEC (OJ L 121 of 11.5.1999, p. 13).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by an Advisory Committee made up of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

26. Decision No 1295/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 1999 adopting a programme of Community action on rare diseases within the framework for action in the field of public health (1999 to 2003) (OJ L 155 of 22.6.1999, p. 1).

Article 5(3) is replaced by the following:

“(3) In addition, the Commission may consult the Committee on any other matter concerning the implementation of the programme. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.”

ANNEX II

Management procedure

List of amended instruments:

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88 of 29 February 1988 on the organisation of Community surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings between 1988 and 1997 (OJ L 56 of 2.3.1988, p. 1).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Articles 7 and 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

2. Council Directive 89/130/EEC, Euratom of 13 February 1989 on the harmonisation of the compilation of gross national product at market prices (OJ L 49 of 21.2.1989, p. 26).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Articles 7 and 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

3. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 of 29 May 1989 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks (OJ L 160 of 12.6.1989, p. 1).

Articles 13 and 14 are replaced by the following:

“Article 13

The Commission shall be assisted by an Implementation Committee for Spirit Drinks, hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

Article 14

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the committee either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
 - (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
 - (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”
4. Council Regulation (Euratom, EEC) No 1588/90 of 11 June 1990 on the transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality to the Statistical Office of the European Communities (OJ L 151 of 15.6.1990, p. 1).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) A Committee on Statistical Confidentiality, hereinafter referred to as “the committee”, is hereby set up, composed of the representatives of all the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission (the director general of the SOEC or a person appointed by him).
 - (2) The representative of the Commission shall submit to the Committee a draft of the measures to be taken referred to in Article 4(3) and Article 5(3). The management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
 - (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.
 - (4) The committee shall draw up its rules of procedure.”
5. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 of 9 October 1990 on the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (OJ L 293 of 24.10.1990, p. 1).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
 - (2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”
6. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 of 10 June 1991 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks and aromatized wine-product cocktails (OJ L 149 of 14.6.1991, p. 1).

Articles 12 and 13 are replaced by the following:

“Article 12

An Implementation Committee for the drinks referred to in this Regulation, hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”, is hereby set up, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

Article 13

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the committee either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

7. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3330/91 of 7 November 1991 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States (OJ L 316 of 16.11.1991, p. 1).

Article 30 is replaced by the following:

“Article 30

- (1) The provisions necessary for the application of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month at the most.”

8. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91 of 19 December 1991 on the establishment of a Community survey of industrial production (OJ L 374 of 31.12.1991, p. 1).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

9. Council Directive 91/692/EEC of 23 December 1991 standardising and rationalising reports on the implementation of certain Directives relating to the environment (OJ L 377 of 31.12.1991, p. 48).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

10. Council Directive 92/51/EEC of 18 June 1992 on a second general system for the recognition of professional education and training to supplement Directive 89/48/EEC (OJ L 209 of 24.7.1992, p. 25).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) The lists of education and training courses set out in Annexes C and D may be amended on the basis of a reasoned request from any Member State concerned to the Commission. All appropriate information and in particular the text of the relevant provisions of national law shall accompany the request. The Member State making the request shall also inform the other Member States.
- (2) The Commission shall examine the education and training course in question and those required in the other Member States. It shall verify in particular whether the qualification resulting from the course in question confers on the holder: - a level of professional education or training of a comparably high level to that of the post-secondary course referred to in point (i) of the second indent of the first subparagraph of Article 1(a), and - a similar level of responsibility and activity.
- (3) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (4) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (5) The period referred to in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two months.
- (6) The Commission shall inform the Member State concerned of the decision and shall, where appropriate, publish the amended list in the Official Journal of the European Communities.
- (7) The amendments made to the lists of education and training courses in Annexes C and D on the basis of the procedure laid down above are immediately applicable on the date set by the Commission.”

11. Council Directive 92/109/EEC of 14 December 1992 on the manufacture and the placing on the market of certain substances used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (OJ L 370 of 19.12.1992, p. 76).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee set up by Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 3677/90. The committee shall examine any matter concerning the implementation of this Directive raised by its chairman either on his own initiative or at the request of a representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.
- (4) The procedure laid down in paragraph 2 shall be followed in particular for:
(a) the determination, where appropriate, of the conditions relating to the documentation and labelling of mixtures and preparations of substances in category 2 of Annex I as provided for in Article 2; (b) the amendment of the Annexes to this Directive, in cases where the tables of the Annex to the United Nations Convention are amended; (c) the amendment of the thresholds specified in Annex II.”

12. Council Regulation (EEC) No 696/93 of 15 March 1993 on the statistical units for the observation and analysis of the production system in the Community (OJ L 76 of 30.3.1993, p. 1).

Article 7(2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

13. Council Directive 93/15/EEC of 5 April 1993 on the harmonisation of the provisions relating to the placing on the market and supervision of explosives for civil uses (OJ L 121 of 15.5.1993, p. 20).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. The committee shall examine any matter concerning the implementation of this Directive raised by its chairman either on his own initiative or at the request of a representative of a Member State.

- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.
- (4) The procedure laid down in paragraph 2 shall be followed in particular to take account of any future amendments to the United Nations recommendations.”

14. Council Directive 93/16/EEC of 5 April 1993 to facilitate the free movement of doctors and the mutual recognition of their diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications (OJ L 165 of 7.7.1993, p. 1).

Article 44a(3) is replaced by the following:

“3. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two months.”

15. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2186/93 of 22 July 1993 on Community coordination in drawing up business registers for statistical purposes (OJ L 196 of 5.8.1993, p. 1).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee established under Decision 89/382/EC, Euratom, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

16. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3696/93 of 29 October 1993 on the statistical classification of products by activity (CPA) in the European Economic Community (OJ L 342 of 31.12.1993, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

17. Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries (OJ L 118 of 25.5.1995, p. 10).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Articles 7 and 8 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

18. Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 281 of 23.11.1995, p. 31).

Article 31 is replaced by the following:

“Article 31

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

19. Council Directive 95/57/EC of 23 November 1995 on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism (OJ L 291 of 6.12.1995, p. 32).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

20. Council Directive 95/64/EC of 8 December 1995 on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea (OJ L 320 of 30.12.1995, p. 25).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee established under Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

21. Council Regulation (EC) No 788/96 of 22 April 1996 on the submission by Member States of statistics on aquaculture production (OJ L 108 of 1.5.1996, p. 1).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Articles 7 and 8 thereof.
- (3) The period referred to in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two months.”

22. Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid (OJ L 163 of 2.7.1996, p. 1).

Article 17(2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

23. Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 on food-aid policy and food-aid management and special operations in support of food security (OJ L 166 of 5.7.1996, p. 1).

Article 27 is replaced by the following:

“Article 27

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (2) The period referred to in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two months.”

24. Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 of 17 February 1997 on Community Statistics (OJ L 52 of 22.2.1997, p. 1).

Article 20(2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

25. Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market (OJ L 123 of 24.4.1998, p. 1).

Article 28(1) and (2) is replaced by the following:

“(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a Standing Committee on Biocidal Products, hereinafter referred to as the “Standing Committee”, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission. The Standing Committee shall draw up its rules of procedure.

(2) For matters referred to the Standing Committee by virtue of Articles 4, 11(3), 15, 17, 18, 19, 27(1)(b), 29 and 33 and the elaboration of specific data by product type referred to in Annex V, to be drawn from Annexes IIIA and IIIB and, as appropriate, from Annexes IVA and IVB, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

26. Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 of 25 May 1998 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road (OJ L 163 of 6.6.1998, p. 1).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

27. Council Regulation (EC) No 1658/98 of 17 July 1998 on co-financing operations with European non-governmental development organisations (NGOs) in fields of interest to the developing countries (OJ L 213 of 30.7.1998, p. 1).

Articles 9 and 10 are replaced by the following:

“Article 9

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the Commission shall be assisted by the Committee set up under Article 8.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.

Article 10

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the Commission shall be assisted by the Committee set up under Article 8.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month at the most.”

28. Council Regulation (EC) No 1659/98 of 17 July 1998 on decentralised cooperation (OJ L 213 of 30.7.1998, p. 6).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the geographically-determined committee competent for development.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

29. Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (OJ L 330 of 5.12.1998, p. 32).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

30. Council Regulation (EC) No 2836/98 of 22 December 1998 on integrating of gender issues in development cooperation (OJ L 354 of 30.12.1998, p. 5).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the geographically determined Committee competent for development.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

31. Decision No 372/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 February 1999 adopting a programme of Community action on injury prevention in the framework for action in the field of public health (1999 to 2003) (OJ L 46 of 20.2.1999, p. 1).

Article 5(2) is replaced by the following:

“(2) The representative of the Commission shall submit to the Committee a draft of the measures to be taken concerning:

- a) the Committee’s rules of procedure;
 - b) an annual work programme indicating the priorities for action;
 - c) the arrangements, procedures and specifications regarding content and finance necessary to ensure the implementation of the Community system set out in Part A of the Annex, including those relating to the participation of the countries referred to in Article 6(2);
 - d) the arrangements, criteria and procedures for selecting and financing projects for the implementation of the specific action set out in Part B of the Annex, including those involving cooperation with international organisations competent in the sphere of public health and participation of the countries referred to in Article 6(2);
 - e) follow-up and evaluation procedure;
- the procedures for coordination with programmes and initiatives which are of direct relevance to achievement of the aim of this programme;
- g) the arrangements for co-operating with the institutions and organisations referred to in Article 2(2).

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

The period referred to in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two months.”

32. Council Decision 1999/382/EC of 26 April 1999 establishing the second phase of the Community vocational training action programme 'Leonardo da Vinci' (OJ L 146 of 11.6.1999, p. 33).

Article 7(3) and (4) is replaced by the following:

“(3) As regards the points referred to in paragraph 2, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(4) The period referred to in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two months.”

33. Council Decision 1999/297/EC of 26 April 1999 establishing a Community statistical information infrastructure relating to the industry and markets of the audiovisual and related sectors (OJ L 117 of 5.5.1999, p. 39).

Article 4 is replaced by the following:

“Article 4

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

34. Decision No 1295/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 1999 adopting a programme of Community action on rare diseases within the framework for action in the field of public health (1999 to 2003) (OJ L 155 of 22.6.1999, p. 1).

Article 5(2) is replaced by the following:

“(2) The representative of the Commission shall submit to the Committee a draft of the measures to be taken concerning: a) the Committee's rules of procedure; b) an annual work programme indicating the priorities for action; c) the arrangements, criteria and procedures for selecting and financing projects under this programme, including those involving cooperation with international organisations competent in the sphere of public health and participation of the countries referred to in Article 6(2); d) the evaluation procedure; e) the arrangements for dissemination and transfer of results; f) the procedures for coordination with programmes and initiatives which are of direct relevance to achievement of the aim of this programme; g) the arrangements for co-operating with the institutions and organisations referred to in Article 2(2).

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

The period referred to in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two months.”

ANNEX III

Regulatory procedure

List of amended instruments:

1. Council Directive 75/442/EEC of 15 July 1975 on waste (OJ L 194 of 25.7.1975, p. 47).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

2. Council Regulation (EEC) No 357/79 of 5 February 1979 on statistical surveys of areas under vines (OJ L 54 of 5.3.1979, p. 124).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

3. First Council Directive 79/267/EEC of 5 March 1979 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of direct life assurance (OJ L 63 of 13.3.1979, p. 1).

Article 32b(6) is replaced by the following:

“(6) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be fixed in each act to be adopted

by the Council in accordance with this paragraph, but may under no circumstances exceed three months.”

4. Council Directive 79/279/EEC of 5 March 1979 coordinating the conditions for the admission of securities to official stock exchange listing (OJ L 66 of 16.3.1979, p. 21).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

- (1) For the purpose of adjusting, in the light of the requirements of the economic situation, the minimum amount of the foreseeable market capitalisation laid down in the first paragraph of I(2) of schedule A, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

5. 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 (OJ L 372 of 31.12.1985, p. 50).

Article 4 is replaced by the following:

“Article 4

- (1) Where the procedure laid down in this Article is to be followed, the chairman shall refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs set up by Decision 69/414/EEC (1), hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”, either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

6. Council Regulation (EC) No 3821/85 of 20 December 1985 on recording equipment in road transport (OJ L 370 of 31.12.1985, p. 8).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

7. Council Directive 88/320/EEC of 9 June 1988 on the inspection and verification of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) (OJ L 145 of 11.6.1988, p. 35).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

8. Council Directive 88/344/EEC of 13 June 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients (OJ L 157 of 24.6.1988, p. 28).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

(1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

9. Council Directive 88/388/EEC of 22 June 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to flavourings for use in foodstuffs and to source materials for their production (OJ L 184 of 15.7.1988, p. 61).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

(1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

10. Council Directive 89/106/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to construction products (OJ L 40 of 11.2.1989, p. 12).

Article 20 is replaced by the following:

“Article 20

- (1) The committee referred to in Article 19 may, at the request of its chairman or a Member State, examine any question posed by the implementation and the practical application of this Directive.
- (2) The provisions necessary for:
 - a) the establishment of classes of requirements in so far as they are not included in the interpretative documents and the establishment of the procedure for attesting conformity in mandates for standards pursuant to Article 7(1) and guidelines for approvals pursuant to Article 11(1);
 - b) the giving of instructions for the drawing-up of interpretative documents pursuant to Article 12(1) and decisions on interpretative documents pursuant to Article 12(3);
 - c) the recognition of national technical specifications in accordance with Article 4(3);shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraphs 3 and 4.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (4) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

11. Council Directive 89/107/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning food additives authorised for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption (OJ L 40 of 11.2.1989, p. 27).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

12. Council Directive 89/108/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to quick-frozen foodstuffs for human consumption (OJ L 40 of 11.2.1989, p. 34).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

13. Council Directive 89/109/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (OJ L 40 of 11.2.1989, p. 38).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

14. Council Directive 89/398/EEC of 3 May 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to foodstuffs intended for particular nutritional uses (OJ L 186 of 30.6.1989, p. 27).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”, either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

15. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89 of 29 May 1989 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of spirit drinks (OJ L 160 of 12.6.1989, p. 1).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the committee either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

16. Council Directive 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work (OJ L 183 of 29.6.1989, p. 1).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) For the purely technical adjustments to the individual Directives provided for in Article 16(1) to take account of: - the adoption of Directives in the field of technical harmonisation and standardisation, and/or - technical progress, changes in international regulations or specifications, and new findings, the Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

17. Council Regulation (EEC) No 837/90 of 26 March 1990 concerning statistical information to be supplied by the Member States on cereals production (OJ L 88 of 3.4.1990, p. 1).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

18. Council Directive 90/219/EEC of 23 April 1990 on the contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms (OJ L 117 of 8.5.1990, p. 1).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

19. Council Directive 90/220/EEC of 23 April 1990 on the deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms (OJ L 117 of 8.5.1990, p. 15).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.
- (4) The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.”

20. Council Directive 90/496/EEC of 24 September 1990 on nutrition labelling of foodstuffs (OJ L 276 of 6.10.1990, p. 40).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs set up by Decision 69/414/EEC (2), hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”, either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

21. Council Directive 91/271/EEC of 21 May 1991 concerning urban waste-water treatment (OJ L 135 of 30.5.1991, p. 40).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

22. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1382/91 of 21 May 1991 on the submission of data on the landings of fishery products in Member States (OJ L 133 of 28.5.1991, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

23. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91 of 10 June 1991 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks and aromatized wine-product cocktails (OJ L 149 of 14.6.1991, p. 1).

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the committee either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

24. Council Directive 91/439/EEC of 29 July 1991 on driving licences (OJ L 237 of 24.8.1991, p. 1).

Article 7b is replaced by the following:

“Article 7b

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee on driving licences, hereinafter referred to as “the committee”, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

25. Council Directive 91/676/EEC of 12 December 1991 concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources (OJ L 375 of 31.12.1991, p. 1).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

26. Council Directive 91/672/EEC of 16 December 1991 on the reciprocal recognition of national boatmasters' certificates for the carriage of goods and passengers by inland waterway (OJ L 373 of 31.12.1991, p. 29).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) In the implementation of Article 4, the Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

27. Council Directive 91/675/EEC of 19 December 1991 setting up an insurance committee (OJ L 374 of 31.12.1991, p. 32).

Article 2 is replaced by the following:

“Article 2

- (1) Where the Council, in the acts which it adopts in the field of direct non-life insurance and direct life assurance, confers on the Commission powers for the implementation of the rules which it lays down, the procedure set out in paragraph 2 shall apply.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

28. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3925/91 of 19 December 1991 concerning the elimination of controls and formalities applicable to the cabin and hold baggage of persons taking an intra-Community flight and the baggage of persons making an intra-Community sea crossing (OJ L 374 of 31.12.1991, p. 4).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The provisions necessary for the application of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

29. Council Directive 92/29/EEC of 31 March 1992 on the minimum safety and health requirements for improved medical treatment on board vessels (OJ L 113 of 30.4.1992, p. 19).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) With a view to the strictly technical adaptation of the Annexes to this Directive in the light of technical progress or changes in international regulations or specifications and new findings in this field, the Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

30. Council Directive 92/32/EEC of 30 April 1992 amending for the seventh time Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances (OJ L 154 of 5.6.1992, p. 1).

Article 29 is replaced by the following:

“Article 29

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months except for the case referred to in Article 31(2) where it shall be six weeks.”

31. Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206 of 22.7.1992, p. 7).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

32. Council Directive 92/59/EEC of 29 June 1992 on general product safety (OJ L 228 of 11.8.1992, p. 24).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.
- (3) Any measure adopted under this procedure shall be valid for no longer than three months. That period may be prolonged under the same procedure.
- (4) Member States shall take all necessary measures to implement the decisions adopted under this procedure within less than 10 days.
- (5) The competent authorities of the Member States responsible for carrying out measures adopted under this procedure shall, within one month, give the parties concerned an opportunity to submit their views and shall inform the Commission accordingly.”

33. Council Directive 92/75/EEC of 22 September 1992 on the indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by household appliances (OJ L 297 of 13.10.1992, p. 16).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission in the adoption of the measures referred to in this Directive, and particularly in Article 9.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

34. Council Decision 92/578/EEC of 30 November 1992 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on the carriage of goods by road and rail (OJ L 373 of 21.12.1992, p. 26).

Article 4 is replaced by the following:

“Article 4

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be four weeks.”

35. Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/93 of 8 February 1993 laying down Community procedures for contaminants in food (OJ L 37 of 13.2.1993, p. 1).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

36. Council Directive 93/5/EEC of 25 February 1993 on assistance to the Commission and cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food (OJ L 52 of 4.3.1993, p. 18).

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

“Article 5

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, set up by Council Decision 69/414/EEC (5), hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

37. Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 of 23 March 1993 on the evaluation and control of the risks of existing substances (OJ L 84 of 5.4.1993, p. 1).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period referred to in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two months.”

38. Council Regulation (EEC) No 959/93 of 5 April 1993 concerning statistical information to be supplied by Member States on crop products other than cereals (OJ L 98 of 24.4.1993, p. 1).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

39. Council Directive 93/23/EEC of 1 June 1993 on the statistical surveys to be carried out on pig production (OJ L 149 of 21.6.1993, p. 1).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

40. Council Directive 93/24/EEC of 1 June 1993 on the statistical surveys to be carried out on bovine animal production (OJ L 149 of 21.6.1993, p. 5).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

41. Council Directive 93/25/EEC of 1 June 1993 on the statistical surveys to be carried out on sheep and goat stocks (OJ L 149 of 21.6.1993, p. 10).

Article 20 is replaced by the following:

“Article 20

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

42. Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices (OJ L 169 of 12.7.1993, p. 1).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee set up by Article 6(2) of Directive 90/385/EEC.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.
- (4) The Committee may examine any issue linked with the application of this Directive.”

43. Council Directive 93/43/EEC of 14 June 1993 on the hygiene of foodstuffs (OJ L 175 of 19.7.1993, p. 1).

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

44. Council Decision 93/389/EEC of 24 June 1993 for a monitoring mechanism of Community CO₂ and other greenhouse gas emissions (OJ L 167 of 9.7.1993, p. 31).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

45. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2018/93 of 30 June 1993 on the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the Northwest Atlantic (OJ L 186 of 28.7.1993, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

46. Council Directive 93/65/EEC of 19 July 1993 on the definition and use of compatible technical specifications for the procurement of air traffic management equipment and systems (OJ L 187 of 29.7.1993, p. 52).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

47. Council Directive 93/77/EEC of 21 September 1993 of fruit juices and certain similar products (OJ L 244 of 30.9.1993, p. 23).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”. The matter shall be referred without delay to the Committee by its chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

48. Council Directive 93/99/EEC of 29 October 1993 on the subject of additional measures concerning the official control of foodstuffs (OJ L 290 of 24.11.1993, p. 14).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, set up under Decision 69/414/EEC (8), hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”.
- (2) The Chairman shall refer the matter to the Committee either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (4) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

49. Directive 94/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 1994 on colours for use in foodstuffs (OJ L 237 of 10.9.1994, p. 13).

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

“Article 5

- (1) Where the procedure laid down in this Article is to be followed, the Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, set up by Decision 69/414/EEC (1), hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”.
- (2) The Chairman shall refer the matter to the Committee either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.

- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (4) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

50. Council Regulation (EC) No 1734/94 of 11 July 1994 on financial and technical cooperation with the Occupied Territories (OJ L 182 of 16.7.1994, p. 4).

Article 5(2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

51. Council Directive 94/67/EEC of 16 December 1994 on the incineration of hazardous waste (OJ L 365 of 31.12.1994, p. 34).

Article 16 is replaced by the following:

“Article 16

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a regulatory committee, hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.
- (4) The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

52. Directive 94/62/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 1994 on packaging and packaging waste (OJ L 365 of 31.12.1994, p. 10).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

53. Directive 94/63/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 1994 on the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions resulting from the storage

of petrol and its distribution from terminals to service stations (OJ L 365 of 31.12.1994, p. 24).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

54. Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995 concerning harmonised indices of consumer prices (OJ L 257 of 27.10.1995, p. 1).

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

55. Council Regulation (EC) No 2597/95 of 23 October 1995 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic (OJ L 270 of 13.11.1995, p. 1).

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

“Article 5

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

56. Council Regulation (EC) No 213/96 of 29 January 1996 on the implementation of the European Communities investment partners financial instrument for the countries of Latin America, Asia, the Mediterranean region and South Africa (OJ L 28 of 6.2.1996, p. 2).

Article 9(4) is replaced by the following:

“4. With regard to the matters mentioned in paragraph 3, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

57. Council Directive 96/16/EC of 19 March 1996 on statistical surveys of milk and milk products (OJ L 78 of 28.3.1996, p. 27).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

58. Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning humanitarian aid (OJ L 163 of 2.7.1996, p. 1).

Article 17(1) and (2) is replaced by the following:

“(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

59. Council Directive 96/48/EC of 23 July 1996 on the interoperability of the trans-European high-speed rail system (OJ L 235 of 17.9.1996, p. 6).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.
- (4) The Committee may discuss any matter concerning the interoperability of the trans-European high-speed rail system.
- (5) Should it prove necessary, the Committee may set up working parties to aid it in carrying out its tasks, in particular with a view to coordinating the notified bodies.
- (6) The Committee shall be set up as soon as this Directive enters into force.”

60. Council Directive 96/61/EC of 24 September 1996 concerning integrated pollution prevention and control (OJ L 257 of 10.10.1996, p. 26).

Article 19 is replaced by the following:

“Article 19

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

61. Council Directive 96/62/EC of 27 September 1996 on ambient air quality assessment and management (OJ L 296 of 21.11.1996, p. 55).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) The amendments necessary to adapt the criteria and techniques referred to in Article 4(2) to scientific and technical progress, and the detailed arrangements for forwarding the information to be provided under Article 11, and other tasks specified in the provisions referred to in Article 4(3), shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 2 of this Article. Such adaptation must not have the effect of modifying the limit values or the alert thresholds either directly or indirectly.
- (2) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

62. Regulation (EC) No 2232/96 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 October 1996 laying down a Community procedure for flavouring substances used or intended for use in or on foodstuffs (OJ L 299 of 23.11.1996, p. 1).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”.
- (2) Matters shall be referred to the Committee by its chairman either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (4) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 8 is repealed.

63. Council Regulation (EC) No 2258/96 of 22 November 1996 on rehabilitation and reconstruction operations in developing countries (OJ L 306 of 28.11.1996, p. 1).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the relevant geographical committee.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

64. Council Directive 96/82/EC of 9 December 1996 on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances (OJ L 10 of 14.1.1997, p. 13).

Article 22 is replaced by the following:

“Article 22

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

65. Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of 9 December 1996 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein (OJ L 61 of 3.3.1997, p. 1).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months. As regards the Committee’s tasks referred to in points 1 and 2 of Article 19, if, on the expiry of a period of three months from the date of referral to the Council, the Council has not acted, the proposed measures shall be adopted by the Commission.”

66. Directive 96/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 on certain methods for the quantitative analysis of binary textile fibre mixtures (OJ L 32 of 3.2.1997, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where the procedure laid down in this Article is invoked, the chairman shall refer the matter to the committee either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

67. Council Directive 96/96/EC of 20 December 1996 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers (OJ L 46 of 17.2.1997, p. 1).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee on the adaptation to technical progress of the Directive on roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers, hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) The committee shall draw up its rules of procedure.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(4) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

68. Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 of 20 December 1996 concerning structural business statistics (OJ L 14 of 17.1.1997, p. 7).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee instituted by Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

69. Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 1997 concerning novel foods and novel food ingredients (OJ L 43 of 14.2.1997, p. 1).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) Where the procedure defined in this Article is to be implemented, the Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”.
- (2) Matters shall be referred to the Committee by its chairman either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof. 4. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

70. Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 of 17 February 1997 on Community Statistics (OJ L 52 of 22.2.1997, p. 1).

Article 19 is replaced by the following:

“Article 19

- (1) In the case referred to in Article 3(2)(b), the Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

71. Council Regulation (EC) No 550/97 of 24 March 1997 on HIV/AIDS-related operations in developing countries (OJ L 85 of 27.3.1997, p. 1).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the geographically-determined committee competent for development.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

72. Decision No 1336/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 1997 on a series of guidelines for trans-European telecommunications networks (OJ L 183 of 11.7.1997, p. 12).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of this Decision.
- (2) In the cases referred to in Article 9(1), the Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (4) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

73. Council Regulation (EC) No 1484/97 of 22 July 1997 on aid for population policies and programmes in the developing countries (OJ L 202 of 30.7.1997, p. 1).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the geographically-determined committee competent for development.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.
- (4) An exchange of views shall take place once a year on the basis of a presentation by the representative of the Commission of the general guidelines for the operations to be carried out in the year ahead, in the framework of a joint meeting of the committees pursuant to paragraph 1.”

74. Council Regulation (EC) No 2046/97 of 13 October 1997 on north-south cooperation in the campaign against drugs and drug addiction (OJ L 287 of 21.10.1997, p. 1).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the geographically-determined committee competent for development.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.
- (4) An exchange of views shall take place once a year on the basis of a presentation by the representative of the Commission of the general guidelines for the operations to be carried out in the year ahead, in the framework of a joint meeting of the committees pursuant to paragraph 1.”

75. Directive 97/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 1997 on common rules for the development of the internal market of Community postal services and the improvement of quality of service (OJ L 15 of 21.1.1998, p. 14).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission. The Committee shall draw up its rules of procedure.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

76. Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 concerning the placing of biocidal products on the market (OJ L 123 of 24.4.1998, p. 1).

Article 28(3) and (4) is replaced by the following:

“(3) For matters referred to the Standing Committee by virtue of Articles 10, 11(4), 16, 27(1)(a) and (2), and 32, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(4) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

77. Council Regulation (EC) No 448/98 of 16 February 1998 completing and amending Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 with respect to the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) within the European system of national and regional accounts (ESA) (OJ L 58 of 27.2.1998, p. 1).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

78. Council Regulation (EC) No 1165/98 of 19 May 1998 concerning short-term statistics (OJ L 162 of 5.6.1998, p. 1).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.

- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

79. Decision No 2119/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 1998 setting up a network for the epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the Community (OJ L 268 of 3.10.1998, p. 1).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) For the purposes of implementing this Decision, the Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

80. Directive 98/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 1998 relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and amending Council Directive 93/12/EEC (OJ L 350 of 28.12.1998, p. 58).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

81. Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices (OJ L 331 of 7.12.1998, p. 1).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the committee set up by Article 6(2) of Directive 90/385/EEC, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.

- (4) The committee referred to in paragraph 1 may examine any question connected with the implementation of this Directive. ”

82. Council Regulation (EC) No 2836/98 of 22 December 1998 on integrating of gender issues in development cooperation (OJ L 354 of 30.12.1998, p. 5).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the geographically determined Committee competent for development.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

83. Decision No 276/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 January 1999 adopting a multiannual Community action plan on promoting safer use of the Internet by combating illegal and harmful content on global networks (OJ L 33 of 6.2.1999, p. 1).

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

“Article 5

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

84. Directive 1999/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 February 1999 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning foods and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation (OJ L 66 of 13.3.1999, p. 16).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) Where the procedure defined in this Article is to be followed, the Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. The Chairman shall, without delay, refer the matter to the Committee, either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.

- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

85. Directive 1999/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 February 1999 relating to coffee extracts and chicory extracts (OJ L 66 of 13.3.1999, p. 26).

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

“Article 5

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

86. Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 1999 on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity (OJ L 91 of 7.4.1999, p. 10).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 14, the following procedure shall apply in respect of the matters covered by Articles 3(3) and 4(1).
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

87. Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 of 9 March 1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs (OJ L 63 of 12.3.1999, p. 6).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

88. Council Regulation (EC) No 856/1999 of 22 April 1999 establishing a special framework of assistance for traditional ACP suppliers of bananas (OJ L 108 of 27.4.1999, p. 2).

Article 6 and article 8 are replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the geographically-determined committee competent for development, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.

Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the geographically-determined committee competent for development, composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

89. Council Directive 1999/31/EC of 26 April 1999 on the landfill of waste (OJ L 182 of 16.7.1999, p. 1).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

90. Council Regulation (EC) No 975/1999 of 29 April 1999 laying down the requirements for the implementation of development cooperation operations which contribute to the general objective of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and to that of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms (OJ L 120 of 8.5.1999, p. 1).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a Human Rights and Democracy Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

91. Directive 1999/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 1999 concerning the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (OJ L 200 of 30.7.1999, p. 1).

Article 20 is replaced by the following:

“Article 20

- (1) Amendments required to adapt the Annexes to this Directive to technical progress shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 29(4)(a) of Directive 67/548/EEC.
- (2) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (4) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

92. Directive 1999/94/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 1999 relating to the availability of consumer information on fuel economy and CO₂ emissions in respect of the marketing of new passenger cars (OJ L 12 of 18.1.2000, p. 16).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 and Article 8 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission¹ repealed Decision 87/373/EEC of 13 July 1987.

Statement No 2 of the Council and of the Commission on Decision 1999/468/EC specifies that the Council and the Commission agree that the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers, provided for in application of Decision 87/373/EEC, should be adapted in order to bring them into line with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

The joint statement provides that procedures of type I, IIa, IIb, IIIa and IIIb should be automatically brought into line, whereas the amendment of the safeguard procedures should be done on a case-by-case basis.

This Regulation does not affect either the substantive provisions of the amended legislative acts or the application of the latter.

This Regulation, which aims to bring into line the legislative acts which establish the committees and the legislative acts which refer to these committees, does not affect the nature of the committees provided for by the basic act.

This Regulation does not apply to the legislative acts which have already been brought into line by an act amending the basic act.

The Regulation does not prejudice the Commission's proposals for legislative acts amending the basic act which have been submitted since 18 July 1999, the date of entry into force of Council Decision 1999/468/EC.

This Regulation applies to legislative acts which are still in force when it enters into force.

¹ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

adapting the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 36, 37 and 133 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission¹,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament²,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee³,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission⁴ repealed Decision 87/373/EEC⁵.
- (2) In accordance with the joint statement of the Council and of the Commission⁶ on Decision 1999/468/EC, the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers, provided for in application of Decision 87/373/EEC, should be adapted in order to bring them into line with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (3) The aforesaid statement indicates the methods for adapting the committee procedures, which is automatic provided that this does not affect the nature of the committee provided for in the basic act.
- (4) The time limits set in the provisions to be adapted must remain in force. Wherever there is no specific time limit laid down for adopting the implementing measures, the time limit should be set at three months.
- (5) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to the type I committee procedure established by Decision 87/373/EEC should therefore be replaced by provisions referring to the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

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⁴ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁵ OJ L 197, 18.7.1987, p. 33.

⁶ OJ C 203, 17.7.1999, p. 1.

- (6) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to type IIa and IIb committee procedures established by Decision 87/373/EEC should be replaced by provisions referring to the management procedure provided for in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (7) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to type IIIa and IIIb committee procedures established by Decision 87/373/EEC should be replaced by provisions referring to the regulatory procedure provided for in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With regard to the advisory procedure, the instruments listed in Annex I are amended in accordance with this Annex.

Article 2

With regard to the management procedure, the instruments listed in Annex II are amended in accordance with this Annex.

Article 3

With regard to the regulatory procedure, the instruments listed in Annex III are amended in accordance with this Annex.

Article 4

References to provisions of the instruments in the annexes are understood to be references to these provisions as amended by this Regulation.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Council
The President

ANNEX I

Advisory procedure

List of amended instruments:

1. Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market (OJ L 230 of 19.8.1991, p. 1).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

2. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3911/92 of 9 December 1992 on the export of cultural goods (OJ L 395 of 31.12.1992, p. 1).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

3. Council Decision 98/552/EEC of 24 September 1998 on the implementation by the Commission of activities relating to the Community market access strategy (OJ L 265 of 30.9.1998, p. 31).

Article 3 is replaced by the following:

“Article 3

Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

ANNEX II

Management procedure

List of amended instruments:

1. Council Regulation No 79/65/EEC of 15 June 1965 setting up a network for the collection of accountancy data on the incomes and business operation of agricultural holdings in the European Economic Community (OJ B 109 of 23.6.1965, p. 1859).

Article 19 is replaced by the following:

“Article 19

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

2. Council Regulation (EEC) No 234/68 of 27 February 1968 on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage (OJ L 55 of 2.3.1968, p. 1).

Article 13(2) is deleted.

Article 14(2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

3. Council Directive 68/193/EEC of 9 April 1968 on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine (OJ L 93 of 17.4.1968, p. 15).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee called the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry instituted by the Council Decision of 14 June 1966, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
 - (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
 - (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”
4. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 of 26 October 1971 on the common organisation of the market in seeds (OJ L 246 of 5.11.1971, p. 1).

Article 10(2) is deleted.

Article 11(2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

5. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1728/74 of 27 June 1974 on the coordination of agricultural research (OJ L 182 of 5.7.1974, p. 1).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

6. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2771/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in eggs (OJ L 282 of 1.11.1975, p. 49).

Article 16(2) is deleted.

Article 17(2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

7. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organisation of the market in poultrymeat (OJ L 282 of 1.11.1975, p. 77).

Article 16(2) is deleted.

Article 17(2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

8. Council Directive 92/34/EEC of 28 April 1992 on the marketing of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants intended for fruit production (OJ L 157 of 10.6.1992, p. 10).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee called the Standing Committee on Propagating Material and Plants of Fruit Genera and Species, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

9. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco (OJ L 215 of 30.7.1992, p. 70).

Article 23(1), (2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“1. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. 2. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

10. Council Regulation (EC) No 3760/92 of 20 December 1992 establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture (OJ L 389 of 31.12.1992, p. 1).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

11. Council Regulation (EEC) No 339/93 of 8 February 1993 on checks for conformity with the rules on product safety in the case of products imported from third countries (OJ L 40 of 17.2.1993, p. 1).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

12. Council Regulation (EC) No 2847/93 of 12 October 1993 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy (OJ L 261 of 20.10.1993, p. 1).

Article 36 is replaced by the following:

“Article 36

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee called the Management Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, instituted by Regulation (EEC) 3760/92, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

13. Council Regulation (EC) No 520/94 of 7 March 1994 establishing a Community procedure for administering quantitative quotas (OJ L 66 of 10.3.1994, p. 1).

Article 23 is replaced by the following:

“Article 23

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

14. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1467/94 of 20 June 1994 on the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in agriculture (OJ L 159 of 28.6.94, p. 1).

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

15. Council Regulation (EC) No 1798/94 of 18 July 1994 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products originating in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia and establishing the detailed provisions for adapting these quotas (1994-97) (OJ L 189 of 23.7.94, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a Customs Code Committee instituted by Article 247 of Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 (7), composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

16. Council Regulation (EC) N° 3295/94 of 22 December 1994 laying down measures to prohibit the release for free circulation, export, re-export or entry for a suspensive procedure of counterfeit and pirated goods (OJ L 341 of 30.12.1994, p. 8).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee instituted by Article 247 of Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

17. Council Regulation (EC) No 603/95 of 21 February 1995 on the common organisation of the market in dried fodder (OJ L 63 of 21.3.1995, p. 1).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.
- (4) The Committee may consider any other question referred to it by its chairman either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.”

18. Council Regulation (EC) No 1526/97 of 26 June 1997 on administering the double-checking system without quantitative limits in respect of the export of certain steel products covered by the EC and ECSC Treaties from Ukraine to the European Community (OJ L 210 of 4.8.1997, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

19. Council Regulation (EC) No 2135/97 of 24 July 1997 on administering the double-checking system without quantitative limits in respect of the export of certain steel products covered by the EC and ECSC Treaties from the Russian Federation to the European Community (OJ L 300 of 4.11.1997, p. 1).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

20. Council Directive 98/29/EC of 7 May 1998 on harmonisation of the main provisions concerning export credit insurance for transactions with medium and long-term cover (OJ L 148 of 19.5.1998, p. 22).

Article 4 is replaced by the following:

“Article 4

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

21. Council Regulation (EC) No 1706/98 of 20 July 1998 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP States) and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 715/90 (OJ L 215 of 1.8.1998, p. 12).

Article 30 is replaced by the following:

“Article 30

- (1) If necessary, detailed rules for the application of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 or in the corresponding Articles of the other Regulations on the common organisation of agricultural markets, as the case may be.
- (2) In the case of meat and rice, these detailed rules shall relate in particular to:
 - a) the basis for calculation and the reference period to be used for fixing the amount by which import duties are to be reduced;
 - b) the arrangements for fixing the corresponding amount to be collected by the exporting country;
 - c) the issue of import licences and/or the introduction of import licence arrangements;
 - d) the forms of proof acceptable and checking procedures.

- (3) Without prejudice to paragraphs 1 and 2, provisions for the application of the tariff quotas, tariff ceilings and reference quantities provided for in Article 17, and amendments and technical adaptations made necessary by amendments to the Combined Nomenclature and Taric codes or arising from the conclusion of agreements, protocols or exchanges of letters between the Community and the ACP States, shall be adopted by the Commission, assisted by the Customs Code Committee, in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 4 of this Article.
- (4) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (5) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.
- (6) The Committee may examine any question concerning the application of tariff quotas, tariff ceilings and reference quantities, which is raised by its chairman either at the latter's initiative or at the request of a Member State.
- (7) As soon as a tariff ceiling is reached, the Commission may adopt a regulation re-establishing, until the end of the calendar year, the customs duties applicable to third countries in respect of imports of the products concerned.”

22. Council Directive 98/56/EC of 20 July 1998 on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants (OJ L 226 of 13.8.1998, p. 16).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee called the Standing Committee on Propagating Material of Ornamental Plants, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

23. Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal (OJ L 160 of 26.6.1999, p. 21).

Article 43(2) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

24. Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products (OJ L 160 of 26.6.1999, p. 48).

Article 42(2) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

25. Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 of 17 May 1999
on the common organisation of the market in wine (OJ L 179 of 14.7.1999, p. 1.).

Article 75(2) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

ANNEX III

Regulatory procedure

List of amended instruments:

1. Council Decision 80/1096/EEC of 11 November 1980 introducing Community financial measures for the eradication of classical swine fever (OJ L 325 of 1.12.1980, p. 5).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

2. Council Directive 88/407/EEC of 14 June 1988 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of deep-frozen semen of domestic animals of the bovine species (OJ L 194 of 22.7.1988, p. 10).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 19 is replaced by the following:

“Article 19

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) In the cases referred to in Article 6(2), the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

3. Council Directive 88/661/EEC of 19 December 1988 on the zootechnical standards applicable to breeding animals of the porcine species (OJ L 382 of 31.12.1988, p. 36).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Zootechnics instituted by Decision 77/505/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

4. Council Directive 89/437/EEC of 20 June 1989 on hygiene and health problems affecting the production and the placing on the market of egg products (OJ L 212 of 22.7.1989, p. 87).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

5. Council Directive 89/556/EEC of 25 September 1989 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and importation from third countries of embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species (OJ L 302 of 19.10.1989, p. 1).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

6. Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market (OJ L 395 of 30.12.1989, p. 13).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) In the cases referred to in Article 6(2), the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

7. Council Regulation (EEC) No 737/90 of 22 March 1990 on the conditions governing imports of agricultural products originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power-station (OJ L 82 of 29.3.1990, p. 1).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) In the cases referred to in Article 6(2), the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

8. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 of 26 June 1990 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin (OJ L 224 of 18.8.1990, p. 1).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee called the Committee for the Adaptation to Technical Progress of the Directives on Veterinary Medicinal Products, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee called the Committee for the Adaptation to Technical Progress of the Directives on Veterinary Medicinal Products, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

9. Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field (OJ L 224 of 18.8.1990, p. 19).

Article 41 is replaced by the following:

“Article 41

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 42 is replaced by the following:

“Article 42

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

10. Council Directive 90/426/EEC of 26 June 1990 on the health policy conditions governing the movement of equidae and their import from third countries (OJ L 224 of 18.8.1990, p. 42).

Article 24 is replaced by the following:

“Article 24

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 25 is replaced by the following:

“Article 25

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

11. Council Directive 90/429/EEC of 26 June 1990 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra- Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species (JO L 224 of 18.8.1990, p. 62).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 19 is replaced by the following:

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- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

12. Council Decision 90/495/EEC of 24 September 1990 introducing a Community financial measure with a view to the eradication of infectious haemopoietic necrosis of salmonids in the Community (OJ L 276 of 6.10.90, p. 37).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

13. Council Directive 90/539/EEC of 15 October 1990 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs (OJ L 303 of 31.10.1990, p. 6).

Article 32 is replaced by the following:

“Article 32

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 33 is replaced by the following:

“Article 33

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

14. Council Directive 90/642/EEC of 27 November 1990 on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables (OJ L 350 of 14.12.1990, p. 71).

Article 10a is replaced by the following:

“Article 10a

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

15. Council Directive 90/667/EEC of 27 November 1990 laying down the veterinary rules for the elimination and processing of animal waste, for its placing on the market and for the prevention of pathogens in feedstuffs of animal or fish origin, and amending Directive 90/425/EEC (OJ L 363 of 27.12.1990, p. 51).

Articles 18 and 19 are replaced by the following:

“Article 18

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.

Article 19

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

16. Council Directive 91/495/EEC 27 November 1990 concerning public health and animal health problems affecting the production and placing on the market of rabbit meat and farmed game meat (OJ No L 268 of 24.9.1991, p. 41).

Article 20 is replaced by the following:

“Article 20

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

17. Council Directive 91/67/EEC of 28 January 1991 concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products (OJ L 46 of 19.2.1991, p. 1).

Article 26 is replaced by the following:

“Article 26

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 27 is replaced by the following:

“Article 27

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

18. Council Directive 91/68/EEC of 28 January 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals (OJ L 46 of 19.2.1991, p. 19).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

19. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 of 24 June 1991 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 198 of 22.7.1991, p. 1).

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

20. Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market (OJ L 230 of 19.8.1991, p. 1).

Article 19 is replaced by the following:

“Article 19

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 20 is replaced by the following:

“Article 20

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

21. Council Directive 91/492/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of live bivalve molluscs (OJ L 268 of 24.9.1991, p. 1).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

22. Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and placing on the market of fishery products (OJ L 268 of 24.9.1991, p. 15).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

23. Council Directive 91/497/EEC of 29 July 1991 amending and consolidating Directive 64/433/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat to extend it to the production and marketing of fresh meat (OJ L 268 of 24.9.1991, p. 69).

Article 16 is replaced by the following:

“Article 16

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

24. Council Directive 91/628/EEC of 19 November 1991 on the protection of animals during transport and amending Directives 91/425/EEC and 91/496/EEC (OJ L 340 of 11.12.1991, p. 17).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

25. Council Directive 91/629/EEC of 19 November 1991 laying down minimum standards for the protection of calves (OJ L 340 of 11.12.1991, p. 28).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

26. Council Directive 91/630/EEC of 19 November 1991 laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs (OJ L 340 of 11.12.1991, p. 33).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

27. Council Directive 92/34/EEC of 28 April 1992 on the marketing of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants intended for fruit production (OJ L 157 of 10.6.1992, p. 10).

Article 22 is replaced by the following:

“Article 22

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Propagating Material and Plants of Fruit Genera and Species, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

28. Council Directive 92/35/EEC of 29 April 1992 laying down control rules and measures to combat African horse sickness (OJ L 157 of 10.6.1992, p. 19).

Article 19 is replaced by the following:

“Article 19

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

29. Council Directive 92/40/EEC of 19 May 1992 introducing Community measures for the control of avian influenza (OJ L 167 of 22.6.1992, p. 1).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

30. Council Directive 92/45/EEC of 16 June 1992 on public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of wild-game meat (OJ L 268 of 14.9.1992, p. 35).

Article 22 is replaced by the following:

“Article 22

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

31. Council Directive 92/46/EEC of 16 June 1992 laying down the health rules for the production and placing on the market of raw milk, heat-treated milk and milk-based products (OJ L 268 of 14.9.1992, p. 1).

Article 31 is replaced by the following:

“Article 31

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

32. Council Decision 92/438/EEC of 13 July 1992 on computerisation of veterinary import procedures (Shift project), amending Directives 90/675/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 91/628/EEC and Decision 90/424/EEC, and repealing Decision 88/192/EEC (OJ L 243 of 25.8.1992, p. 27).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

33. Council Directive 92/66/EEC of 14 July 1992 introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease (OJ L 260 of 5.9.1992, p. 1).

Article 25 is replaced by the following:

“Article 25

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

34. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92 of 14 July 1992 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 208 of 24.7.1992, p. 1).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

35. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2082/92 of 14 July 1992 on certificates of specific character for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 208 of 24.7.1992, p. 9).

Article 19 is replaced by the following:

“Article 19

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

36. Council Directive 92/117/EEC of 17 December 1992 concerning measures for protection against specified zoonoses and specified zoonotic agents in animals and products of animal origin in order to prevent outbreaks of food-borne infections and intoxications (OJ L 62 of 15.3.1993, p. 38).

Article 16 is replaced by the following:

“Article 16

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

37. Council Directive 92/119/EEC of 17 December 1992 introducing general Community measures for the control of certain animal diseases and specific measures relating to swine vesicular disease (OJ L 62 of 15.3.1993, p. 69).

Article 25 is replaced by the following:

“Article 25

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

38. Council Directive 93/119/EC of 22 December 1993 on the protection of animals at the time of slaughter or killing (OJ L 340 of 31.12.1993, p. 21).

Article 16 is replaced by the following:

“Article 16

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

39. Council Regulation (EC) No 517/94 of 7 March 1994 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Community import rules (OJ L 67 of 10.3.1994, p. 1).

Article 25(1), (2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. 2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

40. Council Regulation (EC) No 3036/94 of 8 December 1994 establishing economic outward processing arrangements applicable to certain textiles and clothing products reimported into the Community after working or processing in certain third countries (OJ L 322 of 15.12.1994, p. 1).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a Committee on economic outward processing arrangements for textiles, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

41. Council Directive 94/65/EC of 14 December 1994 laying down the requirements for the production and placing on the market of minced meat and meat preparations (OJ L 368 of 31.12.1994, p. 10).

Article 20 is replaced by the following:

“Article 20

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

42. Council Regulation (EC) No 3281/94 of 19 December 1994 applying a four-year scheme of generalised tariff preferences (1995-1998) in respect of certain industrial products originating in developing countries (OJ L 348 of 31.12.1994, p. 1).

Article 19 is replaced by the following:

“Article 19

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

43. Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs (OJ L 243 of 11.10.1995, p. 17).

Article 4 is replaced by the following:

“Article 4

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC (1), composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. Matters shall without delay be referred to the committee by its chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

44. Council Directive 95/69/EC of 22 December 1995 laying down the conditions and arrangements for approving and registering certain establishments and intermediaries operating in the animal feed sector and amending Directives 70/524/EEC, 74/63/EEC, 79/373/EEC and 82/471/EEC (OJ L 332 of 30.12.1995, p. 15).

Article 16 is replaced by the following:

“Article 16

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Feedingstuffs instituted by Decision 70/372/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

45. Council Directive 95/70/EC of 22 December 1995 introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain diseases affecting bivalve molluscs (OJ L 332 of 30.12.1995, p. 33).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

46. Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC (OJ L 125 of 23.5.1996, p. 10).

Article 33 is replaced by the following:

“Article 33

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

47. Council Directive 96/25/EC of 29 April 1996 on the circulation of feed materials, amending Directives 70/524/EEC, 74/63/EEC, 82/471/EEC and 93/74/EEC and repealing Directive 77/101/EEC (OJ L 125 of 25.5.1996, p. 35).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Feedingstuffs instituted by Decision 70/372/EEC, hereinafter referred to as the ‘Committee’, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

48. Council Directive 98/56/EC of 20 July 1998 on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants (OJ L 226 of 13.8.1998, p. 16).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee for Propagating Material and Ornamental Plants, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

49. Council Directive 98/58/EC of 20 July 1998 concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes (OJ L 221 of 8.8.1998, p. 23).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

50. Council Directive 1999/74/EC of 19 July 1999 laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens (OJ L 203 of 3.8.1999, p. 53).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission¹ repealed Decision 87/373/EEC of 13 July 1987.

Statement No 2 of the Council and of the Commission on Decision 1999/468/EC specifies that the Council and the Commission agree that the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers, provided for in application of Decision 87/373/EEC, should be adapted in order to bring them into line with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

The joint statement provides that procedures of type I, IIa, IIb, IIIa and IIIb should be automatically brought into line, whereas the amendment of the safeguard procedures should be done on a case-by-case basis.

This Regulation does not affect either the substantive provisions of the amended legislative acts or the application of the latter.

This Regulation, which aims to bring into line the legislative acts which establish the committees and the legislative acts which refer to these committees, does not affect the nature of the committees provided for by the basic act.

This Regulation does not apply to the legislative acts which have already been brought into line by an act amending the basic act.

The Regulation does not prejudice the Commission's proposals for legislative acts amending the basic act which have been submitted since 18 July 1999, the date of entry into force of Council Decision 1999/468/EC.

This Regulation applies to legislative acts which are still in force when it enters into force.

¹ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

adapting the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (unanimity)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 93, 94, 157, 269, 279 and 308 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission¹,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament²,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee³,

Having regard to the opinion of the Court of Auditors⁴ concerning Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 of 29 May 1989 on the definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from value added tax,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission⁵ repealed Decision 87/373/EEC⁶.
- (2) In accordance with the joint statement of the Council and of the Commission⁷ on Decision 1999/468/EC, the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers, provided for in application of Decision 87/373/EEC, should be adapted in order to bring them into line with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (3) The aforesaid statement indicates the methods for adapting the committee procedures, which is automatic provided that this does not affect the nature of the committee provided for in the basic act.

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⁵ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁶ OJ L 197, 18.7.1987, p. 33.

⁷ OJ C 203, 17.7.1999, p 1.

- (4) The time limits set in the provisions to be adapted must remain in force. Wherever there is no specific time limit laid down for adopting the implementing measures, the time limit should be set at three months.
- (5) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to the type I committee procedure established by Decision 87/373/EEC should therefore be replaced by provisions referring to the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (6) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to type IIa and IIb committee procedures established by Decision 87/373/EEC should be replaced by provisions referring to the management procedure provided for in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC.
- (7) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to type IIIa and IIIb committee procedures established by Decision 87/373/EEC should be replaced by provisions referring to the regulatory procedure provided for in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

With regard to the advisory procedure, the instruments listed in Annex I are amended in accordance with this Annex.

Article 2

With regard to the management procedure, the instruments listed in Annex II are amended in accordance with this Annex.

Article 3

With regard to the regulatory procedure, the instruments listed in Annex III are amended in accordance with this Annex.

Article 4

References to provisions of the instruments in the annexes are understood to be references to these provisions as amended by this Regulation.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Council
The President

ANNEX I

Advisory procedure

List of amended instruments:

1. Council Directive 86/594/EEC of 1 December 1986 on airborne noise emitted by household appliances (OJ L 344 of 6.12.1986, p. 24).

Article 9(1) is replaced by the following:

“1. Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the harmonised standards referred to in Article 8(1)(a) do not fully satisfy the requirements of Article 6, that Member State or the Commission shall bring the matter before the Standing Committee set up by Directive 83/189/EEC, hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee', setting out its reasons for doing so.

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

The Committee shall deliver an opinion as a matter of urgency.

In the light of the Committee's opinion, the Commission shall notify the Member States whether or not the standards concerned should be withdrawn from the publications referred to in Article 8(1)(a).”

2. Council Decision 87/95/EEC of 22 December 1986 on standardisation in the field of information technology and telecommunications (OJ L 36 of 7.2.1987, p. 31).

Article 7(1) is replaced by the following:

“1. An advisory committee, called the “senior officials group on standardisation in the field of information technology”, shall assist the Commission in its pursuance of the objectives and its management of the activities laid down by this Decision. For telecommunications issues the competent committee is the “senior officials group for telecommunications” provided for in Article 5 of Directive 86/361/EEC.

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.”

3. Council Directive 87/404/EEC of 25 June 1987 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to simple pressure vessels (OJ L 220 of 8.8.1987, p. 48).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where a Member State or the Commission considers that the harmonised standards referred to in Article 5(1) do not entirely meet the essential requirements referred to in Article 3, the Commission or the Member State concerned shall bring the matter before the Standing Committee set up under Directive 83/189/EEC, hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee', giving the reasons therefor. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay.

(2) In the light of the Committee's opinion, the Commission shall inform the Member States whether or not it is necessary to withdraw those standards from the publications referred to in Article 5(1)."

4. Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 of 29 May 1989 on the definitive uniform arrangements for the collection of own resources accruing from value added tax (OJ L 155 of 7.6.1989, p. 9).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

"Article 13

- (1) The committee referred to in Article 20 of Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 1550/2000 (12), hereinafter referred to as "the committee", shall regularly examine, on the initiative of the Commission or at the request of a Member State, problems arising out of application of this Regulation.
- (2) Member States applying for the authorisation provided for in Article 4 (4) or Article 6 (3) shall refer their application to the Commission as soon as possible and not later than 30 April of the financial year from which the authorisation is to apply. The Commission representative shall submit a draft decision to the committee as soon as possible and not later than 31 December of the financial year.
- (3) On the initiative of the Commission or at the request of a Member State, the committee shall examine the solutions referred to in Article 10. If the committee's examination reveals differences of opinion as to the solutions envisaged, the Commission representative shall submit a draft decision to the committee as soon as possible and not later than 31 December of the financial year from which the solution is to apply.
- (4) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (5) No later than 60 days after the committee has delivered its opinion, the Commission shall adopt a Decision, which it shall communicate to the Member States."

5. Council Decision 1999/311/EC of 29 April 1999 adopting the third phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education (Tempus III) (2000-2006) (OJ L 120 of 8.5.1999, p. 30).

Article 7(6) is replaced by the following:

"6. In addition, the Commission may consult the committee on any other matter concerning the implementation of Tempus III, including the annual report. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof."

ANNEX II

Management procedure

List of amended instruments:

1. Council Directive 66/403/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes (OJ B 125 of 11.7.1966, p. 2320).

Article 19 is replaced by the following:

“Article 19

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry set up by the Council Decision of 14 June 1966 (1), hereinafter referred to as the ‘Committee’, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

2. Council Directive 66/404/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of forest reproductive material (OJ B 125 of 11.07.1966, p. 2326).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry set up by the Council Decision of 14 June 1966 (1), hereinafter referred to as the ‘Committee’, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

3. Council Directive 69/208/EEC of 30 June 1969 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants (OJ L 169 of 10.7.1969, p. 3).

Article 20 is replaced by the following:

“Article 20

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry set up by the Council Decision of 14 June 1966 (1), hereinafter referred to as the ‘Committee’, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the

management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

4. Council Directive 70/457/EEC of 29 September 1970 on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species (OJ L 225 of 12.10.1970, p. 1).

Article 23 is replaced by the following:

“Article 23

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry set up by the Council Decision of 14 June 1966 (1), hereinafter referred to as the ‘Committee’, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

5. Council Directive 71/161/EEC of 30 March 1971 on external quality standards for forest reproductive material marketed within the Community (OJ L 87 of 17.4.1971, p. 14).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry set up by the Council Decision of 14 June 1966 (1), hereinafter referred to as the ‘Committee’, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

6. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3906/89 of 18 December 1989 on economic aid to the Republic of Hungary and the Polish People's Republic (OJ L 375 of 23.12.1989, p. 11).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

(1) A committee on aid for economic restructuring in the countries referred to in Article 1 is hereby set up at the Commission, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. An observer from the European Investment Bank shall take part in the Committee's proceedings with regard to questions concerning the Bank.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be six weeks.”

7. Council Decision 1999/21/EC, Euratom of 14 December 1998 adopting a multiannual framework programme for actions in the energy sector (1998-2002) and connected measures (OJ L 7 of 13.1.1999, p. 16).

Article 4(2) is replaced by the following:

“2. The Commission shall be assisted in the management of this framework programme by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

8. Council Decision 1999/311/EC of 29 April 1999 adopting the third phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education (Tempus III) (2000-2006) (OJ L 120 of 8.5.1999, p. 30).

Article 7(4) and (5) is replaced by the following:

“4. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

5. The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.”

ANNEX III

Regulatory procedure

List of amended instruments:

1. Council Directive 67/548/EEC of 27 June 1967 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances (OJ B 196 of 16.8.1967, p. 1).

Article 29 is replaced by the following:

“Article 29

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

2. Council Directive 70/156/EEC of 6 February 1970 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type approval of motor vehicles and their trailers (OJ L 42 of 23.2.1970, p. 1).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

3. Council Directive 70/373/EEC of 20 July 1970 on the introduction of Community methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feeding-stuffs (OJ L 170 of 3.8.1970, p. 2).

Article 3 is replaced by the following:

“Article 3

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Feedingstuffs instituted by the Council Decision of 20 July 1970 (1), composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

4. Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat (OJ L055 of 8.3.1971, p. 23).

Article 12(2), (3) and (4) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

5. Council Directive 71/316/EEC of 26 July 1971 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to common provisions for both measuring instruments and methods of metrological control (OJ L 202 of 6.9.1971, p. 1).

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

“Article 18

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

6. Council Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat (OJ L 302 of 31.12.1972, p. 24).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by the Council Decision of 15 October 1968, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

7. Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries (OJ L 302 of 31.12.1972, p. 28).

Article 29 is replaced by the following:

“Article 29

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by the Council Decision of 15 October 1968, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 30 is replaced by the following:

“Article 30

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
 - (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”
8. Council Directive 73/361/EEC of 19 November 1973 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the certification and marking of wire-ropes, chains and hooks (OJ L 335 of 5.12.1973, p. 51).

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

“Article 5

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
 - (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”
9. Council Directive 73/404/EEC of 22 November 1973 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to detergents (OJ L 347 of 17.12.1973, p. 51).

Article 7 b is replaced by the following:

“Article 7 b

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
 - (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”
10. Council Directive 73/437/EEC of 11 December 1973 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning certain sugars intended for human consumption (OJ L 356 of 27.12.1973, p. 71).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs instituted by the Council Decision of 13 November 1969, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

11. Council Directive 74/150/EEC of 4 March 1974 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type-approval of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors (OJ L 84 of 28.3.1974, p. 10).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

12. Council Directive 74/409/EEC of 22 July 1974 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to honey (OJ L 221 of 12.8.1974, p. 10).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs instituted by the Council Decision of 13 November 1969, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

13. Council Directive 75/324/EEC of 20 May 1975 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to aerosol dispensers (OJ L 147 of 9.6.1975, p. 40).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

14. Council Directive 76/895/EEC of 23 November 1976 relating to the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on fruit and vegetables (OJ L 340 of 9.12.1976 p. 26).

In Article 7, paragraphs 2 to 5 are replaced by the following:

“2. In the cases referred to in Article 6(2), the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

In Article 8, paragraphs 2 to 5 are replaced by the following:

“2. In the cases referred to in Article 6(2), the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

Article 8 a is replaced by the following:

“Article 8 a

In the cases referred to in Article 6(2), the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

15. Council Directive 76/160/EEC of 8 December 1975 concerning the quality of bathing water (OJ L 31 of 5.2.1976, p. 1).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the chairman shall refer the matter to the committee either on his own initiative or at the request of a representative of a Member State.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

16. Council Directive 76/116/EEC of 18 December 1975 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to fertilisers (OJ L 24 of 30.1.1976, p. 21).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

17. Council Directive 76/117/EEC of 18 December 1975 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (OJ L 24 of 30.1.1976, p. 45).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

18. Council Directive 76/118/EEC of 18 December 1975 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption (OJ L 24 of 30.1.1976, p. 49).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs instituted by the Council Decision of 13 November 1969, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

19. Council Directive 76/621/EEC of 20 July 1976 relating to the fixing of the maximum level of erucic acid in oils and fats intended as such for human consumption and in foodstuffs containing added oils or fats (OJ L 202 of 28.7.1976, p. 35).

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

“Article 5

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs instituted by the Council Decision of 13 November 1969, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

20. Council Directive 76/767/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to common provisions for pressure vessels and methods of inspecting them (OJ L 262 of 27.9.1976, p. 153).

Article 20 is replaced by the following:

“Article 20

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

21. Council Directive 77/96/EEC of 21 December 1976 on the examination for trichinae (*trichinella spiralis*) upon importation from third countries of fresh meat derived from domestic swine (OJ L 26 of 31.1.1977, p. 67).

Article 9 is replaced by the following:

“Article 9

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by the Council Decision of 15 October 1968, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

22. Council Directive 77/99/EEC of 21 December 1976 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products (OJ L 26 of 31.1.1977, p. 85).

Article 20(2) and (3) is replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. 3. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

23. Council Directive 77/504/EEC of 25 July 1977 on pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species (OJ L 206 of 12.8.1977, p. 8).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Zootechnics instituted by Decision 77/505/EEC, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

24. Council Decision 77/795/EEC of 12 December 1977 establishing a common procedure for the exchange of information on the quality of surface fresh water in the Community (OJ L 334 of 24.12.1977, p. 29).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

25. Council Directive 78/25/EEC of 12 December 1977 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the colouring matters which may be added to medicinal products (OJ L 11 of 14.1.1978, p. 18).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

26. Council Directive 78/659/EEC of 18 July 1978 on the quality of fresh waters needing protection or improvement in order to support fish life (OJ L 222 of 14.8.1978, p. 1).

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

27. Council Directive 79/117/EEC of 21 December 1978 prohibiting the placing on the market and use of plant protection products containing certain active substances (OJ L 33 of 8.2.1979, p. 36).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

(1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the matter shall be referred without delay to the Standing Committee on Plant Health, hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee', by its chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of a Member State.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

28. Council Directive 79/373/EEC of 2 April 1979 on the marketing of compound feedingstuffs (OJ L 86 of 6.4.1979, p. 30).

Article 13 is replaced by the following:

“Article 13

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Feedingstuffs instituted by the Council Decision of 20 July 1970 (1), composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

29. Council Directive 79/409/EEC of 2 April 1979 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 103 of 25.4.1979, p. 1).

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

30. Council Directive 79/831/EEC of 18 September 1979 amending for the sixth time Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances (OJ L 259 of 15.10.1979, p. 10).

Article 21 is replaced by the following:

“Article 21

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

31. Council Directive 79/869/EEC of 9 October 1979 concerning the methods of measurement and frequencies of sampling and analysis of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States (OJ L 271 of 29.10.1979, p. 44).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

32. Council Directive 80/215/EEC of 22 January 1980 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products (OJ L 47 of 21.2.1980, p. 4).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by the Council Decision of 15 October 1968, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

33. Council Directive 80/217/EEC of 22 January 1980 introducing Community measures for the control of classical swine fever (OJ L 47 of 21.2.1980, p. 11).

Article 16 is replaced by the following:

“Article 16

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by the Council Decision of 15 October 1968, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

34. Council Directive 80/779/EEC of 15 July 1980 on air quality limit values and guide values for sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates (OJ L 229 of 30.8.1980, p. 30).

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

35. Council Directive 80/1107/EEC of 27 November 1980 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to chemical, physical and biological agents at work (OJ L 327 of 3.12.1980, p. 8).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

36. Council Directive 82/130/EEC of 15 February 1982 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres in mines susceptible to firedamp (OJ L 59 of 2.3.1982, p. 10).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

37. Council Directive 82/883/EEC of 3 December 1982 on procedures for the surveillance and monitoring of environments concerned by waste from the titanium dioxide industry (OJ L 378 of 31.12.1982, p. 1).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

38. Council Directive 82/884/EEC of 3 December 1982 on a limit value for lead in the air (OJ L 378 of 31.12.1982, p. 15).

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

“Article 11

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

39. Council Directive 82/894/EEC of 21 December 1982 on the notification of animal diseases within the Community (OJ L 378 of 31.12.1982 p.58).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by the Council Decision of 15 October 1968, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

40. Council Directive 83/417/EEC of 25 July 1983 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to certain lactoproteins (caseins and caseinates) intended for human consumption (OJ L 237 of 26.8.1983, p. 25).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs instituted by the Council Decision of 13 November 1969, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

41. Council Directive 84/532/EEC of 17 September 1984 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to common provisions for construction plant and equipment (OJ L 300 of 19.11.1984, p. 111).

Article 24 is replaced by the following:

“Article 24

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

42. Council Directive 84/539/EEC of 17 September 1984 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electro-medical equipment used in human or veterinary medicine (OJ L 300 of 19.11.1984, p. 179).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
 - (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”
43. Council Directive 85/203/EEC of 7 March 1985 on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide (OJ L 87 of 27.3.1985, p. 1).

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
 - (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”
44. Council Directive 85/511/EEC of 18 November 1985 introducing Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease (OJ L 315 of 26.11.1985, p. 11).

Article 16 is replaced by the following:

“Article 16

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC (1), hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

Article 17 is replaced by the following:

“Article 17

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
 - (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”
45. Council Directive 86/278/EEC of 12 June 1986 on the protection of the environment and in particular of the soil, when sewage sludge is used in agriculture (OJ L 181 of 4.7.1986, p. 6).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

46. Council Directive 86/362/EEC of 24 July 1986 on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals (OJ L 221 of 7.8.1986, p. 37).

Articles 11 a and 11 b are replaced by the following:

“Article 11a

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.

Article 11 b

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

In Article 12, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 are replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

47. Council Directive 86/363/EEC of 24 July 1986 on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on foodstuffs of animal origin (OJ L 221 of 7.8.1986, p. 43).

Articles 11 a and 11 b are replaced by the following:

“Article 11 a

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.

Article 11 b

Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

In Article 12, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 are replaced by the following:

“2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

48. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/86 of 17 November 1986 on the protection of the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution (OJ L 326 of 21.11.1986, p. 2).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

“Article 7

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

49. Council Directive 87/217/EEC of 19 March 1987 on the prevention and reduction of environmental pollution by asbestos (OJ L 85 of 28.3.1987, p. 40).

Article 12 is replaced by the following:

“Article 12

- (1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

50. Council Decision 91/666/EEC of 11 December 1991 establishing Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines (OJ L 368 of 31.12.1991, p. 21).

Article 10 is replaced by the following:

“Article 10

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Veterinary Committee instituted by Decision 68/361/EEC (1), composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be 15 days.”

51. Council Directive 92/12/EEC of 25 February 1992 on the general arrangements for products subject to excise duty and on the holding, movement and monitoring of such products (OJ L 76 of 23.3.1992, p. 1).

Article 24 is replaced by the following:

“Article 24

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a “Committee on Excise Duties”, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission. The committee shall draw up its rules of procedure.

- (2) The measures necessary for the application of Articles 5, 7, 15b, 18, 19 and 23 shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 3.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (4) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.
- (5) In addition to the measures referred to in paragraph 2, the Committee shall examine the matters raised by its chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State, concerning the application of Community provisions on excise duties.”

52. Council Regulation (EEC) No 443/92 of 25 February 1992 on financial and technical assistance to, and economic cooperation with, the developing countries in Asia and Latin America (OJ L 52 of 27.2.1992, p. 1).

Article 15 is replaced by the following:

“Article 15

- (1) The Commission shall administer the financial and technical assistance and the economic cooperation.
- (2) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (3) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (4) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.
- (5) On a regular basis, at least once a year, the Commission shall send the Member States whatever information it has on known sectors, projects and operations which could be supported under this Regulation.
- (6) In addition, coordination between Community cooperation schemes and bilateral schemes undertaken by Member States shall be carried out in this committee, through an exchange of information.”

53. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2309/93 of 22 July 1993 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and suspension of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products (OJ L 214 of 24.8.1993, p. 1).

Article 72 is replaced by the following:

“Article 72

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the Commission shall be assisted by:

- the Standing Committee on Medicinal Products for Human Use, in the case of matters relating to medicinal products for human use, and
 - the Standing Committee on Veterinary Medicinal Products, in the case of matters relating to veterinary medicinal products, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

Article 73 is replaced by the following:

“Article 73

- (1) Where reference is made to the procedure laid down in this Article, the Commission shall be assisted by:
- the Standing Committee on Medicinal Products for Human Use, in the case of matters relating to medicinal products for human use, and
 - the Standing Committee on Veterinary Medicinal Products, in the case of matters relating to veterinary medicinal products, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

54. Council Regulation (EC) No 40/94 of 20 December 1993 on the Community trade mark (OJ L 11 of 14.1.1994, p. 1).

Article 141(2) is replaced by the following:

“Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

55. Council Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 of 27 July 1994 on Community plant variety rights (OJ L 227 of 1.9.1994, p. 1).

Article 115 is replaced by the following:

“Article 115

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

56. Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96 of 22 November 1996 protecting against the effects of the extra-territorial application of legislation adopted by a third country, and actions based thereon or resulting therefrom (OJ L 309 of 29.11.1996, p. 1).

Article 8 is replaced by the following:

“Article 8

(1) For the purposes of the application of Article 7(b) and (c), the Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be two weeks.”

57. Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 of 13 March 1997 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters (OJ L 82 of 22.3.1997, p. 1).

Article 43(1) and (2) is replaced by the following:

(1) The Commission shall be assisted by a committee composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

(2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof. The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

58. Council Decision 98/253/EC of 30 March 1998 adopting a multiannual Community programme to stimulate the establishment of the information society in Europe (“Information Society”) (OJ L 107 of 7.4.1998, p. 10).

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

“Article 6

(1) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.

(2) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”

59. Council Regulation (EC) No 976/1999 of 29 April 1999 laying down the requirements for the implementation of Community operations, other than those of development cooperation, which, within the framework of Community cooperation policy, contribute to the general objective of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and to that

of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in third countries (OJ L 120 of 8.5.1999, p. 8).

Article 14 is replaced by the following:

“Article 14

- (1) The Commission shall be assisted by the committee, hereinafter referred to as the “Human Rights and Democracy Committee”, instituted by Article 13 of Regulation (EC) 975/1999, composed of representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.
- (2) Where reference is made to this paragraph, the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, in compliance with Article 7 thereof.
- (3) The period provided for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be three months.”