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Honey

COM(2012)0530 – C7-0304/2012 – 2012/0260(COD)

**A7-0440/2013****Proposal for a directive****Recital 1***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

**(1) Following the judgment of the Court of Justice of 6 September 2011 in case C-442/09<sup>8</sup>, pollen in honey is to be considered as an ingredient within the meaning of Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 March 2000 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs<sup>9</sup>. The judgment of the Court was based on the consideration relying on the facts brought before it that pollen in honey is mainly due to the centrifugation carried out by the beekeeper for the purposes of honey collection. However, pollen only enters into the hive as a result of the activity of the bees and it is naturally present in honey regardless of whether or not the beekeeper extracts the honey through centrifugation. It is necessary therefore to clarify, without prejudice to the application of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on genetically modified food and feed<sup>10</sup> to genetically modified pollen in honey, that pollen is a constituent of honey, which is a**

**(1) Council Directive 2001/110/EC<sup>1</sup> defines honey as the natural sweet substance produced by bees. Honey consists essentially of different sugars, predominantly fructose and glucose, as well as other substances such as organic acids, enzymes and solid particles derived from honey collection. Directive 2001/110/EC preserves the natural character of honey by limiting human intervention that could alter the composition of honey. In particular, that Directive prohibits the addition of any food ingredient to honey, including food additives, or to make any other additions other than honey. Similarly, that Directive prohibits the removal of any constituent particular to honey, including pollen, unless it is unavoidable in the removal of foreign matter. Those requirements are in line with the Codex Alimentarius standard for honey.**

*natural substance that has no ingredients, and not an ingredient within the meaning of Directive 2000/13/EC. Therefore, Council Directive 2001/110/EC of 20 December 2001 relating to honey<sup>11</sup> should be amended accordingly.*

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<sup>11</sup> OJ L 10, 12.1.2002, p. 47.

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Or. en

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**Amendment 18**

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**Proposal for a directive**

**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1a) Pollen is part of the composition criteria for honey set out by Directive 2001/110/EC. Available evidence, including empirical and scientific data, confirms that honeybees are the origin of the presence of pollen in honey. Pollen grains fall into nectar which is collected by honeybees. In the hive collected nectar containing pollen grains is transformed into honey by the bees. According to the available data, additional pollen in honey can come from pollen on bees' hair, pollen in the air inside the hive and from pollen packed by bees in cells which might incidentally open during the extraction of honey by operators. It follows that pollen enters into the hive as a result of the activity of the bees and is naturally present in honey regardless of whether or not operators extract the honey. Furthermore, there is no intentional addition of pollen into honey by operators, such an addition being prohibited by Directive 2001/110/EC.***

Or. en

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**Amendment 19**

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**Proposal for a directive**

**Recital 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1b) Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>1</sup> defines an 'ingredient' as any substance used in the manufacture or preparation of a foodstuff and still present in the finished product, even in altered form. This definition implies an intentional use of a substance in the manufacture or preparation of a foodstuff. Taking into account the natural character of honey, and in particular the natural origin of the presence of constituents particular to honey, including pollen, it is necessary to clarify that pollen and any other constituents particular to honey should not be considered as 'ingredients' of honey within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.***

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<sup>1</sup> ***Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers (OJ L 304, 22.11.2011, p. 18).***

Or. en

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**Amendment 20**

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**Proposal for a directive**

**Article 1 – point 1**

Directive 2001/110/EC

Article 2 – point 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

5. Pollen, being a natural constituent particular to honey, shall not be considered an ingredient, within the meaning of Article 6(4) of *Directive 2000/13/EC*, of the products defined in Annex 1 to this Directive.

*Amendment*

5. Pollen, being a natural constituent particular to honey, shall not be considered an ingredient, within the meaning of Article 2(2)(f) of *Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011*, of the products defined in Annex 1 to this Directive.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Directive 2000/13/EC referred to in the Commission's original text has been repealed and replaced by Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers. It is therefore appropriate that the definition of pollen as a constituent of honey is made in the context of this Regulation.*