Minutes' statement of the Scientific Committee on Food on Smoke Flavourings

(expressed on 4 March 2003 at its 136th plenary meeting, corresponding to item 7.2 of the agenda)

7. Flavourings

7.2. Smoke flavourings

The Committee received a question from the Commission whether the report on smoke flavourings, as adopted by the Committee on 25 June 1993¹, can still be considered as a valid basis for the safety evaluation of smoke flavourings.

The Committee is of the opinion that an adequate evaluation of the safety of complex mixtures of substances such as smoke flavourings should be based on sufficient information to assess the exposure and toxicity of the products involved. In the report adopted in 1993 the principles of the toxicological evaluation of smoke flavourings have been clearly outlined. Moreover, the report specifies the technological information - among others on production methods, composition and potential intake - and the core set of toxicological data which are needed for the assessment of the safety of smoke flavourings. The Committee concluded that these requirements can still be considered as valid.

Scientific Committee for Food (1993). Report on smoke flavourings. Reports of the Scientific Committee for Food (Thirty-fourth series), pp. 1-7.