

**COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2006/37/EC**  
**of 30 March 2006**  
**amending Annex II to Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as**  
**regards the inclusion of certain substances**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

*Article 1*

Annex II to Directive 2002/46/EC is amended as set out in the Annex to this Directive.

Having regard to Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 June 2002 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to food supplements <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 4(5) thereof,

*Article 2*

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 30 April 2007 at the latest. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions and a correlation table between those provisions and this Directive.

After consulting the European Food Safety Authority,

Whereas:

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

(1) Directive 2002/46/EC specifies the vitamins and minerals, and for each of them the forms, that may be used for the manufacture of food supplements.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

(2) Those vitamin and mineral substances that have been evaluated by the European Food Safety Authority (hereafter 'the Authority') and have received a favourable scientific evaluation should be included in the Annexes to Directive 2002/46/EC.

*Article 3*

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

(3) Favourable scientific evaluation for some vitamins and mineral substances has been recently given and made public by the Authority.

*Article 4*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

(4) It is appropriate to replace the category heading 'folic acid' in order to take account of the inclusion of other forms of folate in Annex II to Directive 2002/46/EC.

Done at Brussels, 30 March 2006.

(5) Directive 2002/46/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 183, 12.7.2002, p. 51.

## ANNEX

Annex II to Directive 2002/46/EC is amended as follows:

1. In Section A. Vitamins:

- (a) the heading '10. FOLIC ACID' is replaced by '10. FOLATE'
- (b) the following line is added under the heading 10. FOLATE:
  - '(b) calcium-L-methylfolate'

2. In Section B. Minerals, the following line is inserted before cupric carbonate:

'ferrous bisglycinate'.

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