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E.E.C. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR FOOD

Because of the increasing importance attached by public opinion to the quality of food in relation to health, the Commission of the European Communities has decided to set up a scientific committee for food.

The task of this committee, composed of highly-qualified scientists, will be to formulate impartial opinions on all questions concerning the protection of human life and health in the field of food products. It will deal in particular with the composition of foodstuffs, the use of additives, the presence of contaminants and other matters.

The opinions of the scientific committee for food will replace the unofficial ones previously given by an advisory committee of experts known as the scientific committee on food.

The Commission's decision aims to give the committee a permanent role in the preparation of Community legislation on foodstuffs. Recognition of the committee as an official Commission body will facilitate its work and lend greater weight to its decisions and opinions.

The British members of the new committee are Dr. Peter S. Elias, principal medical officer, Department of Health and Social Security, and Prof. Basil Charles Leicester Weedon, Professor of organic chemistry, Queen Mary College, University of London.

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