

Final report of the Hearing Officer in case COMP/37.512 — Vitamins

(prepared under Article 15 of Commission Decision 2001/462/EC, ECSC of 23 May 2001 on the terms of reference of Hearing Officers in certain competition proceedings (OJ L 162, 19.6.2001, p. 21))

(2003/C 5/02)

(Text with EEA relevance)

The draft decision does not give rise to particular comments on the proceedings which took a normal course.

The parties' rights of defence were fully respected.

The draft decision deals only with objections in respect of which the parties have been afforded the opportunity of making known their views.

Done at Brussels on 9 November 2001.

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Commission communication regarding the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 'Eurodac'

(2003/C 5/03)

As provided in Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 27 thereof, the Commission hereby notifies that:

- each Member State has made the notification to the Commission in accordance with Article 27(2)(a) of that Regulation,
- the Commission has made the necessary technical arrangements for the Central Unit to begin operations in accordance with the implementing rules adopted under Article 4(7) and Article 12(5) of the Regulation,
- the Regulation shall apply, and Eurodac shall start operations from **15 January 2003** (12.00 UTC).

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 of 11 December 2000 concerning the establishment of Eurodac for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention (OJ L 316, 15.12.2000, p. 1).