
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Miscellaneous Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996, as amended (“the principal Regulations”).

The Regulations implement—

- (a) Commission Directive [2001/30/EC](#) amending Directive [96/77/EC](#) laying down specific purity criteria on food additives other than colours and sweeteners (O.J. No. L146, 31.5.2001, p. 1); and
- (b) Directive [2001/5/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 95/2 on food additives other than colours and sweeteners (O.J. No. L55, 24.2.2001).

Subject to a transitional provision, the Regulations specify new purity criteria in relation to the additives specified in the Annex to Commission Directive [2001/30/EC](#) (*regulations 3(b) and (c), 4 and 8*).

The Regulations also—

- (a) add one new additive to the list, in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations, of miscellaneous food additives generally permitted for use in foods not referred to in Schedule 6, 7 or 8 to those Regulations (*regulation 5*);
- (b) modify the list, in Schedule 3 to the principal regulations, of miscellaneous food additives which may be included in certain foods, by adding four new additives to that list and specifying additional foods in which Glycerol esters of wood rosins may be contained (*regulation 6*); and
- (c) modify the list of permitted carriers and carrier solvents in Schedule 4 to the principal Regulations by incorporating an E Number for Propane-1,2-diol (propylene glycol) (*regulation 7*).