

## 1978 No. 1186

## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

## The Beer (Amendment) Regulations 1978

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The Commissioners of Customs and Excise, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by sections 127, 171 and 250 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Beer (Amendment) Regulations 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1978.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the principal Regulations” means the Beer Regulations 1978(b).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The principal Regulations are hereby amended as follows:—

(a) for Regulation 46 of the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following—

“46. The use in the manufacture or preparation for sale of beer of the substances specified in Schedule 10, being substances which give the organoleptic impression of enhanced original gravity without at the same time making a proportionate contribution to the original gravity as measured in Regulation 11, is prohibited.”;

(b) for Schedule 10 to the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following:—

“SCHEDULE 10 (*Regulation 46*)

## SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED

1. Saccharin and its salts.
2. Glycyrrhizic acid and its salts.”.

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(a) 1952 c. 44.

(b) S.I. 1978/893.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Beer Regulations 1978 by substituting a new Regulation 46 and associated Schedule 10. They are made to avoid any possibility that the Schedule as worded in the Beer Regulations 1978 might be considered to give the Commissioners of Customs and Excise a discretion under the Regulations which is not conferred upon them by the enabling provision (Section 250 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952).

Regulation 46 prohibits the addition to beer of the substances listed in Schedule 10, which, because they impart to beer an impression of greater strength than the beer really has, are prejudicial to the revenue.

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