

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which come into force on 31st December 1988, amend the Sweeteners in Food Regulations 1983 by adding Lactitol to the list of permitted sweeteners (regulation 3(a)). Specific purity criteria are prescribed for Lactitol (regulation 3(b)).

The Regulations amend the Jam and Similar Products Regulations 1981 by substituting for a specified list of sweeteners, a reference to “permitted sweeteners”, which, as defined, will include Lactitol (regulation 4).

The Regulations also amend the Food Labelling Regulations 1984 by including Lactitol in the list of sweeteners in respect of which marking or labelling conditions apply where there is a claim that a food containing such a sweetener is suitable, or has been specially made, for diabetics (regulation 5).