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**The Sweeteners in Food Amendment
(Scotland) Regulations 2004**

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The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 16(1)(a) and (e), 17(1), 26(1) and (3) and 48(1) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to, the Food Safety Act 1990⁽¹⁾, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, having had regard in accordance with section 48(4A)⁽²⁾ of that Act to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency, hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Sweeteners in Food Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2004 and come into force on 29th January 2005.

(2) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

Amendments to the Sweeteners in Food Regulations 1995

2. The Sweeteners in Food Regulations 1995⁽³⁾ are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 7.

3.—(1) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) at the end of the definition of “Directive 94/35/EC”⁽⁴⁾, insert—

(1) 1990 c. 16; section 1(1) and (2) (definition of “food”) was substituted by S.I. 2004/2990; section 16(1) and 48(1) were amended by the Food Standards Act 1999 (c. 28) (“the 1999 Act”), section 40(1) and Schedule 5, paragraph 8; section 48(4) is disapplied in respect of these regulations by virtue of section 48(4C), inserted by S.I. 2004/2990; section 17(1) was amended by the 1999 Act, section 40(1) and Schedule 5, paragraphs 8 and 12; and section 26(3) was amended by the 1999 Act, section 40(1) and Schedule 6. Amendments made by Schedule 5 to the 1999 Act shall be taken as pre commencement enactments for the purposes of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46) by virtue of section 40(2) of the 1999 Act. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(2) Section 48(4A) was inserted by the 1999 Act, section 40(1) and Schedule 5, paragraph 21.

(3) S.I. 1995/3123 as relevantly amended by S.I. 1996/1477, 1997/814, 1999/982 and S.S.I. 2001/212, 2002/61, 2003/274 and 2004/6.

(4) The definition of “Directive 94/35/EC” was amended by S.I. 1997/814.

- “and by Directive [2003/115/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽⁵⁾
- (b) in the definition of “Directive [95/31/EC](#)”, for “Directive 2000/51 and Directive [2001/52/EC](#)”;⁽⁶⁾ substitute–
 “Directive [2000/51/EC](#), Directive [2001/52/EC](#) and Directive [2004/46/EC](#)(7);”; and
- (c) for the definition of “permitted sweetener”, substitute–
 ““permitted sweetener” means any sweetener specified in Column 2 of Schedule 1 which satisfies the specific purity criteria for that sweetener specified in the Annex to Directive [95/31/EC](#)”.
- (2) In regulation 2(3)(c)(ii), before “saccharin” in the second place where it occurs, insert “the”.
4. In regulation 3 (sale and use of sweeteners)–
- (a) at the end of paragraph (3), insert–
 “as read with the notes to that Schedule”; and
- (b) omit paragraph (5)⁽⁸⁾.
5. In regulation 4(b)(iii) (sale of table-top sweeteners), after “aspartame”, insert–
 “or salt of aspartame acesulfame”.
6. In regulation 11 (transitional provision and exemption), after paragraph (1A)⁽⁹⁾, insert–
 “(1B) In any proceedings for an offence under these Regulations which allege a contravention of regulations 3, 4 or 5, it shall be a defence to prove that–
- (a) the act was committed before 29th January 2006;
- (b) the act was that of–
- (i) selling a sweetener or food;
- (ii) using a sweetener in or on food,
- which in either case was placed on the market before 29th July 2005; and
- (c) the matter constituting the offence would not have constituted an offence under these Regulations if the amendments made by regulations 3(1)(a) or (c) or (2), or 4 to 7 of the Sweeteners in Food Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2004 had not been in force when the act was committed.”.
7. In Schedule 1 (permitted sweeteners and the foods in or on which they may be used)⁽¹⁰⁾–
- (a) in the entries in Column 3 relating to “E951 Aspartame”, after the entry ““Snacks”: certain flavours of ready to eat, pre packed, dry, savoury starch products and coated nuts”, insert the entry “*Essoblaten*” and in the corresponding place for that new entry in Column 4, insert “1000 mg/kg”;
- (b) in the entries relating to “E952 Cyclamic Acid and its Na and Ca salts”–
- (i) in the entry in Column 4 relating to “Water-based flavoured drinks, energy-reduced or with no added sugar”, for “400 mg/l”, substitute “250 mg/l”;
- (ii) in the entry in Column 4 relating to “Milk and milk derivative based or fruit juice based drinks, energy reduced or with no added sugar”, for “400 mg/l”, substitute “250 mg/l”;

(5) O.J. No. L 24, 29.1.04, p.65.

(6) The references to Directive 2000/51 and Directive [2001/52/EC](#) were substituted by [S.S.I. 2002/61](#).

(7) O.J. No. L 114, 21.4.04, p.15.

(8) Paragraph (5) was inserted by [S.S.I. 2003/274](#).

(9) Paragraph (1A) was inserted by [S.I. 1997/814](#).

(10) Schedule 1 was replaced by [S.I. 1997/814](#) and amended by [S.S.I. 2002/61](#).

- (iii) omit the entries listed in Columns 3 and 4 under the heading “Confectionery”; and
- (iv) omit the entry in Columns 3 and 4 under the heading “Miscellaneous” relating to “Edible ices, energy reduced or with no added sugar”;
- (c) omit the entries in Columns 2 to 4 relating to Sucralose listed at the end of the Table;
- (d) after the entries relating to “E954 Saccharin and its Na, K and Ca salts”, insert–

“E955	Sucralose	Non-alcoholic drinks	
		– Water-based flavoured drinks, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	300 mg/l
		– Milk- and milk-derivative based or fruit-juice-based drinks, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	300 mg/l
		Desserts and similar products	
		– Water-based flavoured desserts, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	400 mg/kg
		– Milk- and milk-derivative-based preparations, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	400 mg/kg
		– Fruit- and vegetable-based desserts, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	400 mg/kg
		– Egg-based desserts, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	400 mg/kg
		– Cereal-based desserts, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	400 mg/kg
		– Breakfast cereals with a fibre content of more than 15% and containing at least 20% bran,	400 mg/kg

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energy reduced or
with no added sugar

– Fat-based desserts, 400 mg/kg
energy-reduced or
with no added sugar

Confectionery

– Confectionery 1000 mg/kg
with no added sugar

– Cocoa- or 800 mg/kg
dried-fruit-based
confectionery,
energy-reduced or
with no added sugar

– Starch-based 1000 mg/kg
confectionery,
energy-reduced or
with no added sugar

– Cornets and 800 mg/kg
wafers, for ice
cream, with no
added sugar

– Breath-freshening 2400 mg/kg
micro sweets with
no added sugar

– Strongly flavoured 1000 mg/kg
freshening throat
pastilles with no
added sugar

– Chewing gum 3000 mg/kg
with no added sugar

– Energy-reduced 200 mg/kg
tablet form
confectionery

Miscellaneous

– “Snacks”: certain 200 mg/kg
flavours of ready
to eat, pre-packed,
dry, savoury starch
products and coated
nuts

– *Essoblaten* 800 mg/kg

– Cocoa-, milk-, 400 mg/kg
dried-fruit- or fat-
based sandwich
spreads, energy-

reduced or with no added sugar	
– Cider and Perry	50 mg/l
– Drinks consisting of a mixture of a non-alcoholic drink and beer, cider, perry, spirits or wine	250 mg/l
– Spirit drinks containing less than 15% alcohol by volume	250 mg/l
– Alcohol-free beer or with an alcohol content not exceeding 1.2% vol	250 mg/l
– “Bière de table/ Tafelbier/Table beer” (original wort content less than 6%) except for “Obergäriges Einfachbier”	250 mg/l
– Beers with a minimum acidity of 30 milli-equivalents expressed as NaOH	250 mg/l
– Brown beer of the “oud bruin” type	250 mg/l
– Energy-reduced beer	10 mg/l
– Edible ices, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	320 mg/l
– Canned or bottled fruit, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	400 mg/kg
– Energy-reduced jams, jellies and marmalades	400 mg/kg
– Energy-reduced fruit and vegetable preparations	400 mg/kg

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– Sweet-sour preserves of fruit and vegetables	180mg/kg
– <i>Feinkostsalat</i>	140 mg/kg
– Sweet-sour preserves and semi-preserves of fish and marinades of fish, crustaceans and molluscs	120 mg/kg
– Energy-reduced soups	45 mg/l
– Sauces	450 mg/kg
– Mustard	140 mg/kg
– Fine bakery products for special nutritional uses	700 mg/kg
– Foods intended for use in energy-restricted diets for weight reduction as referred to in Directive 1996/8/EC	320 mg/kg
– Dietary foods for special medical purposes as defined in Directive 1999/21/EC	400 mg/kg
– Food supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC supplied in a liquid form	240 mg/l
– Food supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC supplied in a solid form	800 mg/kg
– Food supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC , based on vitamins and/or mineral elements and supplied in a syrup-type or chewable form	2400 mg/kg ² ;

(e) after the entries relating to E959 Neohesperidine DC, insert–

“E962	Salt of aspartame-acesulfame	Non-alcoholic drinks	
		– Water-based flavoured drinks, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	350 mg/l ^(a)
		– Milk- and milk-derivative-based or fruit-juice-based drinks, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	350 mg/l ^(a)
		Desserts and similar products	
		– Water-based flavoured desserts, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	350 mg/kg ^(a)
		– Milk- and milk-derivative-based preparations, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	350 mg/kg ^(a)
		– Fruit- and vegetable-based desserts, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	350 mg/kg ^(a)
		– Egg-based desserts, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	350 mg/kg ^(a)
		– Cereal-based desserts, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	350 mg/kg ^(a)
		– Breakfast cereals with a fibre content of more than 15% and containing at least 20% bran, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	1000 mg/kg ^(b)

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– Fat-based desserts, energy-reduced or with no added sugar 350 mg/kg^(a)

Confectionery

– Confectionery with no added sugar 500 mg/kg^(a)

– Cocoa- or dried-fruit-based confectionery, energy-reduced or with no added sugar 500 mg/kg^(a)

– Starch-based confectionery, energy-reduced or with no added sugar 1000 mg/kg^(a)

– Breath-freshening micro-sweets with no added sugar 2500 mg/kg^(a)

– Chewing gum with no added sugar 2000 mg/kg^(a)

Miscellaneous

– “Snacks”: certain flavours of ready to eat, prepacked, dry, savoury starch products and coated nuts 500 mg/kg^(b)

– *Essoblaten* 1000 mg/kg^(b)

– Cocoa-, milk-, dried-fruit or fat-based sandwich spreads, energy-reduced or with no added sugar 1000 mg/kg^(b)

– Cider and perry 350 mg/l^(a)

– Drinks consisting of a mixture of a non-alcoholic drink and beer, cider, perry, spirits or wine 350 mg/l^(a)

– Spirit drinks containing less than 15% alcohol by volume 350 mg/l^(a)

– Alcohol-free beer or with an alcohol content not exceeding 1.2% vol	350 mg/l ^(a)
– “Bière de table/ Tafelbier/Table beer” (original wort content less than 6%) except for “Obergäriges Einfachbier”	350 mg/l ^(a)
– Beers with a minimum acidity of 30 milli-equivalents expressed as NaOH	350 mg/l ^(a)
– Brown beers of the “ <i>oud bruin</i> ” type	350 mg/l ^(a)
– Energy-reduced beer	25 mg/l ^(b)
– Edible ices, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	800 mg/kg ^(b)
– Canned or bottled fruit, energy-reduced or with no added sugar	350 mg/kg ^(a)
– Energy-reduced jams, jellies and marmalades	1000 mg/kg ^(b)
– Energy-reduced fruit and vegetable preparations	350 mg/kg ^(a)
– Sweet-sour preserves of fruit and vegetables	200 mg/kg ^(a)
– <i>Feinkostsalat</i>	350 mg/kg ^(b)
– Sweet-sour preserves and semi-preserves of fish and marinades of fish, crustaceans and molluscs	200 mg/kg ^(a)
– Energy-reduced soups	110 mg/l ^(b)
– Sauces	350 mg/kg ^(b)

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– Mustard	350 mg/kg ^(b)
– Fine bakery products for special nutritional uses	1000 mg/kg ^(a)
– Foods intended for use in energy-restricted diets for weight reduction as referred to in Directive 1996/8/EC	450 mg/kg ^(a)
– Dietary foods for special medical purposes as defined in Directive 1999/21/EC	450 mg/kg ^(a)
– Food supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC supplied in a liquid form	350 mg/l ^(a)
– Food supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC supplied in a solid form	500 mg/kg ^(a)
– Food supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC, based on vitamins and/or mineral elements and supplied in a syrup-type or chewable form	2000 mg/kg ^(a) ;

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- (f) for “Complete formulae for weight control intended to replace total daily food intake or an individual meal”, in each place where it appears, substitute–
“Foods intended for use in energy–restricted diets for weight reduction as referred to in Directive 96/8/EC⁽¹¹⁾”
- (g) for “Complete formulae and nutritional supplements for use under medical supervision”, in each place where it appears, substitute–
“Dietary foods for special medical purposes as defined in Directive 1999/21/EC⁽¹²⁾”
- (h) for “Liquid food supplements/dietary integrators”, in each place where it appears, substitute–

(11) O.J. No. L 55, 6.3.96, p.22.

(12) O.J. No. L 91, 7.4.99, p.29.

“Food supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC(13) supplied in a liquid form”;

- (i) for “Solid food supplements/dietary integrators”, in each place where it appears, substitute–

“Food supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC supplied in a solid form”;

- (j) for “Food supplements/diet integrators based on vitamins and/or mineral elements, syrup-type or chewable”, in each place where it appears, substitute–

“Food supplements as defined in Directive 2002/46/EC, based on vitamins and/or mineral elements and supplied in a syrup–type or chewable form”;

- (k) after notes 1 and 2 add–

“3. The maximum usable doses for the salt of aspartame-acesulfame (E962) are derived from the maximum usable doses for its constituent parts, aspartame (E951) and acesulfame-K (E950). The maximum usable doses for both aspartame (E951) and acesulfame-K (E950) are not to be exceeded by use of the salt of aspartame-acesulfame, either alone or in combination with E950 or E951.

4. The maximum usable doses for the salt of aspartame-acesulfame (E962) are expressed either as ^(a) acesulfame-K equivalents or ^(b) aspartame equivalents.”.

St Andrew’s House, Edinburgh
21st December 2004

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Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, amend the Sweeteners in Food Regulations 1995 (S.I.1995/3123 as amended; “the principal Regulations”) to implement—

- (a) Directive 2003/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/35/EC on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (O.J. No. L 24, 29.1.2004, p.65); and
- (b) Commission Directive 2004/46/EC amending Directive 95/31/EC laying down specific criteria of purity concerning sweeteners for use in foodstuffs, as regards E955 Sucralose and E962 Salt of aspartame acesulfame (O.J. No. L 114, 21.4.2004, p.15).

These Regulations amend the principal Regulations by—

- (a) bringing up to date the definition of “Directive 94/35/EC” so as to cover the amendment of that Directive by Directive 2003/115/EC (regulation 3(1)(a));
- (b) bringing up to date the definition of “Directive 95/31/EC” so as to cover its amendment by Directive 2004/46/EC (regulation 3(1)(b));
- (c) substituting a new definition for the term “permitted sweetener” to reflect the fact that Sucralose and the Salt of aspartame-acesulfame are now permitted sweeteners (regulation 3(1)(c));
- (d) making minor amendments to the term “maximum usable dose” as applied to those sweeteners which under the Regulations are permitted to be used in specified foodstuffs (regulation 3(2));
- (e) making explicit the fact that Schedule 1 (permitted sweeteners and the foods in or on which they may be used) is to be read in conjunction with the notes thereto (regulation 4(a));
- (f) deleting the provision which laid down that the controls on the use in specified foods of aspartame and acesulfame to be contained in Schedule 1 applied also to Salt of aspartame-acesulfame in such foods (regulation 4(b));
- (g) extending to Salt of aspartame and acesulfame the existing requirement that table top sweeteners containing aspartame be marked or labelled as specified in the Regulations (regulation 5);
- (h) including transitional provisions (regulation 6);
- (i) adding a further category of food to the categories in which the permitted sweetener E951 Aspartame may lawfully be used and specifying the maximum usable dose applicable to such use (regulation 7(a));
- (j) as regards the permitted sweetener E952 Cyclamic Acid and its Na and Ca salts, reducing the maximum usable dose of that sweetener applicable in relation to specified foods, and making it unlawful to use that sweetener in specified items of confectionery and in certain edible ices (regulation 7(b));
- (k) inserting into Schedule 1 new entries relating to the permitted sweeteners E955 Sucralose and to E962 Salt of aspartame-acesulfame (regulation 7(c) and (d) respectively);
- (l) omitting the entries relating to Sucralose previously contained in Schedule 1 (regulation 7(e));

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- (m) in accordance with Directive [2003/115/EC](#), substituting new descriptions for the descriptions of certain food categories specified in Column 3 of Schedule 1 (regulation 7(f) to (j)); and
- (n) adding to Schedule 1 further footnotes relating to the permitted sweetener Salt of aspartame-acesulfame (regulation 7(h)).

A full Regulatory Impact Assessment of the effect that these Regulations would have on business has been prepared and placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre. Copies may be obtained from the Food Standards Agency (Scotland), 6th Floor, St Magnus House, 25 Guild Street, Aberdeen AB11 6NJ.