
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, amend the Miscellaneous Food Additives Regulations 1995 (as already amended) (“the principal Regulations”).

The Regulations implement Commission Directives [2003/95/EC](#) (O.J. No. L 283, 31.10.03) and [2004/45/EC](#) (O.J. No. L 113, 20.04.04, p.1), amending Directive [96/77/EC](#) laying down specific purity criteria on food additives other than colours and sweeteners.

The Regulations amend the existing requirements in the principal Regulations as regards the purity criteria for Polysorbates (E 431 to E 436), Beta-Cyclodextrin (E 459), Polyethylene Glycol 6000, Carrageenan (E 407) and Processed Eucheuma Seaweed (E 407a); specify new purity criteria for Glyceryl Diacetate (E 1517) and Benzyl Alcohol (E 1519); insert purity criteria for a new permitted additive Hydrogenated Poly-1-Decene (E 907); and add purity criteria for a new liquid category to Sodium Nitrate (E 251) (regulation 3).

Those new requirements will not apply to food additives which were put on the market and labelled before certain dates (regulation 4).

No regulatory impact assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations.