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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Regulation 3 amends the list of authorised food additives set out in Regulation (EC) No. 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on food additives to change the name and E number of the existing food additive steviol glycosides (E 960) to steviol glycosides from Stevia (E 960a), and to add the new food additive enzymatically produced steviol glycosides (E 960c). It also makes additional amendments to correct existing errors in that Regulation.

Regulation 4 amends Commission Regulation (EU) No. 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III of Regulation (EC) No. 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council to change the heading of the specification for E 960 to refer to E 960a and to add a specification for E 960c.

Regulation 5 provides for a transitional measure to allow stocks of the food additive and any food containing it labelled with the existing E number E 960 to be exhausted.

Regulation 6 amends Regulation (EC) No. 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1601/91, Regulations (EC) No. 2232/96 and (EC) No. 110/2008 and Directive 2000/13 to add a new food flavouring to the list of authorised flavourings and source materials.

Regulation 7 amends Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 establishing the Union list of novel foods in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods to add a new novel food and to substitute a new entry for an existing novel food so as to extend the specified food categories for which it is authorised and to provide for a new specification for it.

No business and regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations as no impact upon business, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.