
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations supersede the [Cheese Regulations 1970 \(S.I. No. 94\)](#) and the [Cream Regulations 1970 \(S.I. No. 752\)](#) and their Scottish equivalents which are revoked by these Regulations.

In certain circumstances cream and cheese brought into Great Britain from another European Economic Area State are exempt from the effects of the Regulations if they are suitably labelled to give the nature of the food (Regulation 3).

Controls are retained on the use of enzymes in the manufacture of cheese (Regulation 4). Certain varieties of cheese will continue to be subject to regulation as to description (Regulation 5).

Cream may now be sold without its having to bear a description chosen from a closed list of prescribed descriptions but if offered for sale as clotted cream, double cream, whipping cream, whipped cream, sterilised cream, cream or single cream or half cream it must, in the case of clotted cream, be clotted and, in the case of whipped cream, be whipped and, in all cases, it must contain the minimum percentage of fat prescribed for cream of the description chosen (Regulation 6).

A defence is provided in relation to exports in implementation of Articles 2 and 3 of Council Directive [89/397/EEC](#) (OJNo. L186, 30.6.89, p.23) on the official control of foodstuffs, as read with the ninth recital to that Directive (Regulation 7).

A compliance cost assessment of the effect that this instrument would have on the cost of business is available from:

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