EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke and replace the Bread and Flour Regulations 1995 ("the 1995 Regulations").

These Regulations—

- (a) provide for exemptions from the Regulations (regulation 3);
- (b) require that wheat flour (subject to certain exceptions) be fortified with specified essential ingredients (regulation 4, Schedules 1 and 2);
- (c) restrict the use of specified ingredients in the preparation of flour and bread and require that an indication of the presence of a flour treatment agent be given in the case both of prepacked and of non-prepacked bread (regulation 5, Schedule 3);
- (d) reserve the names 'wholemeal' and 'wheat germ' for bread which complies with specified compositional requirements and prohibit the sale or advertising for sale using these names of bread which does not comply with the compositional requirements (regulation 6);
- (e) create offences and prescribe penalties (regulation 7);
- (f) specify the enforcement authorities (regulation 8);
- (g) provide a defence in relation to exports in implementation of Article 2 and 3 of, as read with the ninth recital to, Council Directive 89/397/EEC (O.J. No. L186, 30.6.89, p. 23) on the official control of foodstuffs (regulation 9);
- (h) apply various sections of the Food Safety Act 1990 (regulation 10); and
- (i) amend and revoke specified Regulations (regulations 11 and 12).

The British Pharmacopoeia 1973, 1980 and 1988 and the British Pharmaceutical Codex 1973, referred to in Schedule 1 may be inspected at the British Library Lending Division Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorks LS23 7BQ, Tel. 01937 546 060 and by appointment at the library of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH, Tel. 0171-270 8419.

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