

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply to Great Britain, make provision for the enforcement and execution of Council Regulation (EC) No. 2597/97 laying down additional rules on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products for cows' drinking milk ("the Council Regulation").

These Regulations—

- (a) prohibit the sale or delivery of milk, or the use of or failure to use a sales description for any product, in contravention of the Council Regulation (regulation 3);
- (b) prohibit the importation from outside the European Community of a product for sale as drinking milk in contravention of the Council Regulation (regulation 4);
- (c) specify food authorities as enforcement bodies (regulation 5) and create offences and prescribe a penalty (regulation 6);
- (d) provide a defence in relation to exports, in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 of Council Directive 89/397/EEC (OJ No. L186, 30.6.89, p.23) on the official control of foodstuffs, as read with the ninth recital to that Directive (regulation 7);
- (e) incorporate specified provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990 (regulation 8); and
- (f) revoke the Regulations specified in the Schedule to the extent specified (regulation 9), and make consequential amendments (regulation 10).