EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Food Information Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/1855) ("the Regulations").

New regulation 5A, inserted by regulation 2(4) of this instrument, provides that food that is prepacked for direct sale, whether supplied to a final consumer or to a mass caterer, must have a list of ingredients provided directly on the package or on a label attached to the package. There is an exemption for packaging or containers the largest surface of which has an area of less than 10cm^2 . There is also an exemption where an offer for sale is made by means of distance communication.

New regulation 6A, inserted by regulation 2(6) of this instrument, provides that food that is prepacked for direct sale, whether supplied to a final consumer or to a mass caterer, must have the name of the food provided directly on the package or on a label attached to the package. There is an exemption where an offer for sale is made by means of distance communication.

Other provisions make amendments in consequence of these changes.

Following a Post Implementation Review, the Secretary of State has decided that the Regulations should continue in force. Accordingly, by virtue of regulation 2(2) and (9) of this instrument, the sunset clause at regulation 1(9) has been removed and the deadline for publishing a report on the next review under regulation 15 has been set for 13th December 2024. The Post Implementation Review is published on www.legislation.gov.uk.

A full impact assessment of the effect these Regulations will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from the Food Standards and Consumers Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 2 Marsham Street, London, SWIP 4DF and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside these Regulations on www.legislation.gov.uk.