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The Organic Production (Amendment) Regulations 2022

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<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>23rd March 2022</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>20th April 2022</i>

The Secretary of State^(a) makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 22(3) and 38b(8) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products^(b).

The Scottish Ministers and the Welsh Ministers have consented to the Secretary of State making these Regulations for the purposes of Article 38a(3) of that Regulation.

In accordance with Article 38b(9) of that Regulation, the Secretary of State has consulted such bodies or persons as appear to the Secretary of State to be representative of the interests likely to be substantially affected by these Regulations and such other bodies or persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Organic Production (Amendment) Regulations 2022, and come into force on 20th April 2022.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008

2.—(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control^(c) is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 42(b) (use of non-organic animals), for “31 December 2020” substitute “31 December 2022”.

(3) In Annex 8, in the table in Section A (food additives, including carriers), in the row for which the entry in the first column is “E418”, in the fifth column, for “1 January 2022” substitute “1 January 2023”.

(a) See the definition of “appropriate authority” in EUR 2007/834, Article 38a(3).

(b) EUR 2007/834, amended by S.I. 2019/693, 831 (itself amended by S.I. 2020/1453). There are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(c) EUR 2008/889, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

22nd March 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control (EUR 2008/889). They specify exemptions to organic production rules.

Regulation 2(2) of this instrument amends Article 42(b) of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 so as to provide that until 31st December 2022, non-organically reared pullets of not more than 18 weeks may be introduced into an organic flock for egg production when organically-reared pullets are not available, subject to conditions.

The table in Section A of Annex 8 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 lists food additives which may be used in the processing of organic food, subject to conditions and restrictions. Regulation 2(3) amends the entry relating to E418, gellan gum: from 1st January 2023, only organically-produced gum, in its high-acyl form, may be used in processing organic food.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.

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