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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Regulation 2 amends Regulation (EC) No. 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on food additives (EUR 2008/1333) to add a new food additive, amend the conditions of use for an existing food additive, and makes consequential amendments and corrections.

Regulation 3 amends Commission Regulation (EU) No. 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III of Regulation (EC) No. 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (EUR 2012/231) to set a maximum limit for ethylene oxide in all food additives, add a new production method for an existing additive and makes a consequential change to subcategorise the E numbers for that additive.

Regulation 4 amends Regulation (EC) No. 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods etc. (EUR 2008/1334) to remove 22 flavouring substances from the authorised list of flavourings.

Regulation 5 creates a transitional measure to allow the 22 flavouring substances and foods containing them to remain on the market, and be added to foods, if already present in the United Kingdom or in transit to Great Britain before the authorisation was removed and to allow foods to which they are added to be placed on the market, and used, until they reach their date of minimum durability.

Regulation 6 amends Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 establishing the Union list of novel foods in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods (EUR 2017/2470) to add four new novel foods, amends the conditions of use for one existing novel food and correct the specifications for another existing novel food in the list of authorised novel foods.

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