EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Wales only, further amend the Sweeteners in Food Regulations 1995 (S.I.1995/3123 as already amended) which extend to Great Britain, by—

- (a) bringing up to date the definition of "Directive 95/31/EC" (which relates to specific purity criteria) so as to cover its amendment by Directive 2001/52/EC (OJNo. L190, 12.7.2001, p.18) to substitute new purity criteria for mannitol and acesulfame K (regulation 2(2)(a));
- (b) granting provisional authorisation for the marketing and use as a sweetener of sucralose, as permitted by Article 5 of Directive 89/107/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the member States concerning food additives authorised for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption (OJ No. L40, 11.2.1989, p.27) (regulations 2(2)(b) and 2(3); and

(c) bringing up to date references to the 1995 Regulations in other Regulations.

Copies of the document referred to in regulation 2(2)(b) may be obtained from: The Stationery Office

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