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## **The draft Food Labelling (Amendment) Regulations 1998 and draft Guidance Notes on Quantitative Declarations of Ingredients.**

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FRISTERNE INDLEDES IKKE -KEIN FRISTBEGINN - DOES NOT OPEN THE  
DELAYS - NO ABRE EL PLAZO - N'OUVRE PAS DE DELAIS - NON FA  
DECORRERE LA MORA - GEEN TERMIJNBEGIN - NAO INICIA O PRAZO  
MÄÄRÄAIKA EI ALA TÄSTÄ - INLEDER INGEN FRIST.

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#### 2. Member State

United Kingdom.



### 3. Department Responsible

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### 3. Originating Department

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

### 4. Notification Number

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### 5. Title

The draft Food Labelling (Amendment) Regulations 1998 and draft Guidance Notes on Quantitative Declarations of Ingredients.

### 6. Products Concerned

Any food which is ready for delivery to the ultimate consumer or to a catering establishment.

### 7. Notification Under Another Act

Directive 79/112/EEC on the approximation of the laws of member states relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs (Article 16(2)).

### 8. Main Content

The draft Food Labelling (Amendment) Regulations 1998 and the accompanying Guidance Notes principally implement the requirements of European Parliament and Council Directive 97/4/EC amending Directive 9/112/EEC on the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs.

The draft Food Labelling (Amendment) Regulations 1998 and accompanying Guidance Notes do not contain any EC or UK requirements or conditions for testing. Therefore, no provision has been included in these regulations recognising equivalent testing as this would be inappropriate. Recognition of equivalent standards is provided for in an amended provision permitting non-compliance with national requirements under the principle of mutual recognition of products legally marketed in other Member States (regulation 4). The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The draft Food Labelling (Amendment) Regulations 1998 make a number of amendments to the Food Labelling Regulations 1996. Those which change national provisions already contained in the 1996 Regulations.

(a) tighten the exemption for food brought into Great Britain



from other member states of the EU or EEA states to make clear this applies only if the parallel requirements of the food labelling Directive (79/12/EEC) and other relevant Directives are met (regulation 4);

(b) adjust the rule for calculating the percentage of milk fat in cream so that added ingredients, such as alcohol, are excluded (regulation 11);

(c) require foods claiming to be reduced or low energy to carry nutrition labelling (regulation 7); and

(d) update the defence in relation to exports (regulations 3, 12 and 14) and make some minor drafting corrections (regulations 5, 10 and 18).

The draft Guidance Notes clarify how the new rules on quantitative ingredient declarations should be applied.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

i. The draft Food Labelling (Amendment) Regulations 1998 and the draft guidance Notes to Quantitative Declarations of Ingredients.

S.I. 1995 No. 2200 The Food Safety (Temperature Control) Regulations

ii. The Food Labelling Regulations 1996. (Notification No. 95/0268/UK)

The Bread and Flour Regulations. (Notification No. 97/0335/UK)

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#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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#### **13. Confidentiality**

No

#### **14. Fiscal measures**

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