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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

The list of foodstuffs for which use is authorised is given below. Chewing gum or bubble gum
Sweets, candies and sweetmeats
Baked sweets and other baked products
Meat products; broths and soups

Non-alcoholic drinks

Baked sweets and other baked products

7. Notification Under Another Act

Commission Decision 1999/217 of 23 February 1999.

8. Main Content

This draft Royal Decree amends the current Royal Decree No 1477 of 2 November 1990 adopting the technical health regulation on flavourings used in foodstuffs and base materials, extending the list of artificial flavourings permitted in foodstuffs.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

- The aim of the amendment to Royal Decree 1477/88 is to lay down an updated regulation on artificial flavourings authorised for use in the manufacture of foodstuffs, with the aim of guaranteeing the protection of health and information to consumers.
- The scope of this draft will cover flavourings already included in the list and permitted in other Member States.
- These substances have been evaluated and Spain's proposal to include them is based on requests put forward by flavouring manufacturers' associations with the aim of putting an end to unfair competition between competitors, within the framework of the internal market.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- Royal Decree No 1477 of 3 November 1990 (Spanish Official Gazette of 22 November 1990) transposing Directive 88/388 into Spanish legislation by virtue of the provisions of Article 13 thereof.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

Not being able to import these flavourings for use in the manufacture of foodstuffs gives rise to a comparative disadvantage for Spanish manufacturers, given that foodstuffs containing the flavourings intended to be included in Spanish legislation can already be imported into Spain.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

No

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspects

iii) The draft shall have no noticeable effect on international trade

SPS Aspects

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