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## **The Bread and Flour Regulations 1997 and the Bread and Flour Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

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DECORRERE LA MORA - GEEN TERMIJNBEGIN - NAO INICIA O PRAZO  
MÄÄRÄAIKA EI ALA TÄSTÄ - INLEDER INGEN FRIST.

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### 4. Notification Number

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### 5. Title

The Bread and Flour Regulations 1997 and the Bread and Flour Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

### 6. Products Concerned

Bread and Flour

### 7. Notification Under Another Act

79/112/EEC - Labelling, Presentation and Advertising of Foodstuffs

### 8. Main Content

a) The draft Regulations lay down certain mandatory constituents of bread and flour and also list permitted additives/ingredients. In particular they set out:

i. a requirement that all wheat flour contain iron, vitamin B1 and nicotinic acid or nicotinamide in specified quantities. Calcium carbonate must also be present in flour other than wholemeal, wheat malt and self-raising;

ii. the usage levels of permitted flour bleaching agents and flour treatment agents;

iii. composition and labelling requirements for flour, in particular, restrictions on the use of the names 'wholemeal' and 'wheat germ'.

b) The draft Regulations have a mutual recognition clause at regulation 3 (2), exempting bread and flour lawfully produced or sold in the Member States from the provisions of the draft Regulations.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Bread and Flour Regulations 1984 were reviewed and resulted in the greatly simplified Bread and Flour Regulations 1995 and the Bread and Flour Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996.

The UK's view at the time was that the Regulations were not notifiable under Directive 83/189/EEC but the UK now accepts



the Commission's view that the Regulations should have been notified in draft form under Directive 83/189/EEC. The UK has therefore agreed to revoke and remake these Regulations, ensuring that they are notified under the Directive 83/189 procedures. The attached draft Bread and Flour Regulations 1997 and Bread and Flour Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 revoke and replace the Bread and Flour Regulations 1995 and the Bread and Flour Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

The draft Bread and Flour Regulations 1997, and the draft Bread and Flour Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997.

**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

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**14. Fiscal measures**

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