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The Detergents (Composition) (Amendment) Regulations 1986

Made - - -	20*th March* 1986
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Coming into Operation	30*th March* 1986

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**a**) and by the European Communities (Designation) Order 1972(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Detergents (Composition) (Amendment) Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 30th March 1986.

(2) These regulations shall extend to all parts of the United Kingdom.

Extension of temporary exemption of certain detergents from prohibition on use, or sale for use, in the United Kingdom

2. In regulation 3(2) of the Detergents (Composition) Regulations 1978(**c**) for "31st March 1986" there shall be substituted "31st December 1989".

Kenneth Baker,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

13th March 1986.

Mark Robinson,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Welsh Office.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State

17th March 1986.

Michael Ancram,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Scottish Office.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State

14th March 1986.

Tom King,
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

20th March 1986.

(**a**) 1972 c.68.
(**b**) S.I. 1972/1811.
(**c**) S.I. 1978/564; relevant amendments were made by S.I. 1984/1369.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations apply throughout the United Kingdom and further amend the Detergents (Composition) Regulations 1978 ("the 1978 Regulations"). Under regulation 3(2) of the 1978 regulations (as substituted by S.I. 1984/1369) there is a general prohibition on the use, or sale for use, in the United Kingdom of detergents containing anionic or non-ionic surface active agents ("surfactants") with a level of biodegradability of less than 80 per cent. This prohibition is, however, subject to a temporary exemption for certain detergents containing non-ionic surfactants. These regulations extend this temporary exemption until 31st December 1989. They give effect to Council Directive No. 86/94/EEC (OJ No. L80, 25.3.86, p. 51) amending Council Directive No. 73/404/EEC (OJ No. L347, 17.12.1973, pp. 51 and 52) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to detergents, which was adopted by the Council on 10th March 1986.

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