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EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE PURITY CRITERIA FOR COLOURS, SWEETENERS AND MISCELLANEOUS FOOD ADDITIVES (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2009

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The above instrument further amend in relation to Scotland, the Colours in Food Regulations 1995 (S.I.1995/3124, as amended), the Sweeteners in Food Regulations 1995 (S.I.1995/3123, as amended) and the Miscellaneous Food Additives Regulations 1995 (S.I.1995/3187, as amended). This instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objective

These Regulations provide for the implementation of three new Commission Directives which consolidate existing European Community rules governing the purity criteria for colours, sweeteners and other miscellaneous additives used in foods.

Legislative and Policy Background

The new Directives codify and replace the existing legislation on purity criteria for colours, sweeteners and miscellaneous food additives previously set out in (respectively) Commission Directives 95/45/EC, 95/31/EC and 96/77/EC, all as amended. The aim of the codification process is to consolidate, clarify and rationalise these Directives, without making any changes of substance.

Consultation

In February 2009, FSA Scotland consulted for a 4 week period, with 300 stakeholders across Scotland from industry, enforcement and consumer groups as well as sector specific organisations. The Food Standards Agency Scotland received no comments. A regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no changes of substance have been made to any of the existing purity criteria and no financial or other impact on industry is foreseen.

Other Administrations

Similar Regulations will apply in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Impact

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as there were no identifiable costs on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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