

## Summary of responses to consultation on:

**DRAFT REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING IN ENGLAND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2006/52/EC AMENDING DIRECTIVES 95/2/EC ON FOOD ADDITIVES OTHER THAN COLOURS AND SWEETENERS AND 94/35/EC ON SWEETENERS FOR USE IN FOODSTUFFS**

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(Consultation ended: 9 April 2007)

**File No: ADB/0311**

<b>Response from</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Initial View</b>	<b>Accept / Reject / No action required (NAR) / Consider</b>
Welsh Consumer Council	No comments.	N/A	NAR
Seafish Industry Authority	Welcomes the authorisation of the new additive 4-hexylresorcinol as a substitute for SO <sub>2</sub> to combat blackspot in crustaceans.	N/A	NAR
Meat and Livestock Commission	No comments on the technical content of the Regulations. Some minor comments on the detail of the draft S.I.	Comments noted, draft regulations amended accordingly.	Accept

Alma Williams	<p>Welcomes legislation (in particular reductions in nitrites and nitrates and withdrawal of hydroxybenzoates) as being in the consumer interest. However the inclusion of sodium salts in the text is a concern given the need for salt reduction.</p> <p>Would have preferred jelly mini cups to have been withdrawn from the market, and not just to have banned the gelling agents used in them.</p>	<p>Comments noted</p> <p>It is not possible to make jelly mini cups without gelling agents. The prohibition on gelling agents therefore effectively leads to a ban on these products.</p>	<p>NAR</p> <p>NAR</p>
Geoff C Brewster	<p>Welcomes the withdrawal of preservatives E216 and 217. Considers that more needs to be done to protect the public from potential side effects of other additives.</p>	Comments noted	NAR
Foodaware	<p>Supports the reduction in nitrites/nitrates, the withdrawal of preservatives E216 and 217 and the proposals in relation to jelly mini-cups. Welcomes the proposal to alert consumers to the potential laxative effects of erythritol via labelling.</p> <p>Believes it is essential that the new food additives are monitored.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>The legislation already requires Member States to monitor the consumption and use of food additives.</p>	<p>NAR</p> <p>NAR</p>
VEGA	<p>Accepts the proposals, except that the exceptions for traditional meat products should not be allowed, or should carry appropriate warnings.</p>	Comments noted.	NAR

LACORS	<p>Strongly supports the proposals in relation to jelly mini-cups on food safety and consumer safety grounds</p> <p>Additional resource implications for local authorities identified due to the need to check for newly prohibited or reduced levels of additives and to ensure that new additive conditions of use are met.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Accept. RIA has been amended to reflect these comments.</p>	<p>NAR</p> <p>Accept</p>
British Meat Processors' Association (BMPA)	<p>Believe BMPA members' views have been adequately represented.</p> <p>One aspect that should be addressed in the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) is the reduced shelf life of meat products arising from the reduction in nitrites/nitrates, which would increase wastage and lead to reduced stocking and sales.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Accept. RIA has been amended to reflect these comments.</p>	<p>NAR</p> <p>Accept</p>