

To: Interested Parties
(Interested Parties list attached)

10 May 2007

Reference: LCS/0520

Consultation on new Scottish Statutory Instrument (SSI) to update The Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, to include reference to Commission Regulation (EC) 445/2007, setting out additional rules for declaring fat content on spreadable fats and use of the word 'butter'.

I am writing to inform you that European Commission Regulation 577/97 and its amendments have been codified. The consolidated Commission Regulation (EC) 445/2007 will replace the existing Commission Regulation (EC) 577/97 (as amended) and is identical in terms of its requirements. This new Regulation was published in the Official Journal of the European Communities on 24 April 2007 and will come into force on 14 May.

Commission Regulation (EC) 577/97 is enforced in Scotland by Scottish Statutory Instrument (SSI) 1999 No. 34. New domestic legislation will need to be brought in to update references in the existing SSI to the new Commission Regulation (EC) 445/2007. This amending legislation will simply update references in the existing SSI from Regulation 577/97 to the new consolidated Commission Regulation and will not result in any substantive change. Therefore the Agency does not intend to hold a full formal consultation on the amending SSI or to produce a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA). If, however, you believe that this amendment will result in a significant change, requiring a full consultation or RIA, we would welcome your comments and evidence by 24 May.

Yours faithfully,

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Interested parties

Aberdeen Buttery Co.Ltd
C J Lang & Son Ltd
Convention of Scottish Local
Authorities(COSLA)
Dairy UK - Scotland
Federation of Small Businesses
Forum of Private Business (Scotland) Ltd
Grampian Country Food Group
Grants Foods Scotland Ltd
Greggs Scotland
Iceland Foods plc
Mackays Ltd
MacPhie of Glenbervie Ltd
Macswen of Edinburgh
Scottish Food & Drink Federation
SEERAD
The Cheese Company
The Sandwich Company
Walkers Shortbread Ltd