

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , Other:
4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Cheese (CCCN: 04.04)
5. Title: Cheese - Amendment to compositional regulations
6. Description of content: To permit the use of enzymes other than traditional rennet in cheese coagulation, to permit the use of enzymes to accelerate the ripening of processed cheese and to permit lipases from animal sources for flavour production in feta, provolone, Romano and Pecorino. Additional acids will be permitted in processed cheese, and those acids so permitted will also be authorized for use in soft cheese. Also there are changes to the list of colours permitted in cheese.
7. Objective and rationale: Advances in technology
8. Relevant documents: Basic document is the Cheese Regulations 1970 (S.I. 1970/94 as amended by 1974/1122). This amendment will be published by HMSO when laid before Parliament.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10. Final date for comments: 17 January 1984
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point <input type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: MAFF, Room 556, Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P