NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED KINGDOM

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) in England and Wales; Department of Health and Social Security in Northern Ireland; Department of Agriculture in Scotland

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [x], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:

4. Products covered (HS where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Food additives used for food preservation

5. Title: Proposal to Amend the Preservatives in Food Regulations 1979 (Statutory Instrument 1979/752), as Amended

6. Description of content: The proposal, when implemented, would permit:
   (i) the use of sorbic acid in fat spreads with a fat content of up to 70 per cent;
   (ii) the addition of sorbic acid to stem ginger; and
   (iii) the addition of permitted preservatives to shrimps and prawns in brine.

7. Objective and rationale: To protect public health. The proposal, as described, would when implemented, provide for the use of permitted preservatives only.

8. Relevant documents: See 5

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Early 1989

10. Final date for comments:

11. Texts available from: Address of other body:
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