### General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

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

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):** Mineral hydrocarbons (use on foods or in food processing)

5. **Title:** Proposed Amendment to the Mineral Hydrocarbons in Food Regulations 1966

6. **Description of content:** The proposed amendment would further limit the use of mineral hydrocarbons in food to chewing gum and cheese rind only. These latter uses remain under consideration.

7. **Objective and rationale:** The proposals follow advice from advisory committees that the use of mineral hydrocarbons in food should be prohibited on health grounds.

8. **Relevant documents:** Mineral Hydrocarbons in Food Regulation 1966

9. **Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:**
   - **Date of adoption:** to be determined.
   - **Entry into force:** Imports of treated food will be permitted for eighteen months after adoption.

10. **Final date for comments:** 28 April 1989

11. **Texts available from:** National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: