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Date: 18th December 2012

Dear Consultee,

Consultation on the Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (England) Regulations 2013 and the Caseins and Caseinates (England) Regulations 2013

1. I am writing to invite views on proposals for the updated Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (England) Regulations 2013 and the Caseins and Caseinates (England) Regulations 2013

Consultation documents

2. The following documents can be found on the Defra website: <u>www.defra.gov.uk/consult</u>

- Consultation letter
- Consultation document
- List of consultees
- Impact assessments
- Draft statutory instruments

Scope of this consultation

3. Defra is seeking views on the above Regulations which will consolidate existing regulations and replace criminal sanctions with civil sanctions. The purpose is to streamline existing regulations by reducing the number of statutory instruments and to bring the enforcement regime in-line with other similar regulations for food as part of the 'Red Tape Challenge'.

4. Following consultation, new domestic regulations; The Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (England) Regulations 2013 will be laid before Parliament at the end of 2013 and will revoke and replace the following two SIs:

- The Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I No 1596);
- The Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I No 85.)

The Caseins and Caseinates (England) Regulations 2013 will replace the following two SIs:

• The Casein and Caseinates Regulations 1985 (S.I No 2026) and



• The Casein and Caseinates (Amendment) Regulations 1989 (S.I No.2321)

The new domestic regulations will apply in England. Governments in other parts of the UK (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) will be making their own separate implementing regulations.

Obtaining copies of the consultation paper

5. An electronic copy of the consultation paper can be downloaded from the Defra website at <u>www.defra.gov.uk/consult</u>

6. If you require a printed copy of this consultation please contact the Food Policy Team at: <u>foodpolicyunit@defra.gsi.gov.uk</u>

Or write to us at:

Food Policy Unit Area 7E LMB C/o Nobel House 17 Smith Square London SW1P 3JR

Responses

- 7. Anyone may reply to this consultation.
- 8. Email responses should be sent to: <u>foodpolicyunit@defra.gsi.gov.uk</u>
- 9. Written responses should be sent to: Food Policy Unit Area 7E LMB C/o Nobel House 17 Smith Square London SW1P 3JR

9. This consultation started on 18th December 2012 and all responses should be received by 29th January 2013.

Consultation criteria

10. This consultation is in line with the Coalition Government's Consultation Principles. These can be found at <u>http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance</u>

11. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information - to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer that will not count as a confidentiality request. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under Freedom of Information legislation. However,

because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

12. When this consultation ends, we will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at <u>www.defra.gov.uk/consult</u>. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

13. We will place a copy of the responses received in the Defra library. To see consultation responses and summaries please contact the library at:

Defra Information Resource Centre Lower Ground Floor Ergon House 17 Smith Square London SW1P 3JR Tel: 0207 238 6575 Email: defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Please give the Library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.

14. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please contact the Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 2D, Ergon House, Horseferry Road, 17 Smith Square, London. SW1P 3JR, or email <u>consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk</u>.

15. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours sincerely

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