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I, Micheál Martin, Minister for Health and Children, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act, 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), and for the purpose of giving effect to Commission Directive 2001/52/EC¹ of 3 July 2001 amending Directive 95/31/EC² laying down specific criteria of purity concerning sweeteners for use in foodstuffs hereby make the following Regulations:

² OJ No L178, 28.7.1995, p. 1

¹ OJ No. L190, 12.7.2001, p. 18

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Additives, Colours and Sweeteners in Foodstuffs) (Amendment) Regulations, 2002.

(2) The European Communities (Additives, Colours and Sweeteners in Foodstuffs) Regulations, 2000, 2001 and these Regulations may be cited together as the European Communities (Additives, Colours and Sweeteners in Foodstuffs) Regulations, 2000 to 2002.

2. In these Regulations, "the Principal Regulations" means the European Communities (Additives, Colours and Sweeteners in Foodstuffs) Regulations, 2000 (S.I. No. 437 of 2000).

3. The Principal Regulations are hereby amended by:

(1) in Regulation 2(1),

(a) by the substitution for the definition of "the Directives" of the following:

"the Directives" means Council Directive 89/107/EEC¹⁰ of 21 December 1988 (as amended by European Parliament and Council Directive 94/34/EC of 30 June 1994), European Parliament and Council Directive 94/35/EC of 30 June 1994 (as

amended by Directive 96/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 1996), European Parliament and Council Directive 94/36/EC of 30 June 1994, Commission Directive 95/31/EC of 5 July 1995 (as amended by Commission Directive 98/66/EC of 4 September 1998), Commission Directive 2000/51/EC^{10A} of 26 July 2000 and Commission Directive 2001/52/EC^{10B} of 3 July 2001) and Commission Directive 95/45/EC of 26 July 1995 (as amended by Commission Directive 1999/75/EC of 22 July 1999)".

and by the addition of the following footnote thereto:

"10B OJ No. L190, 12.7.2001, p.18";

(b) by the substitution for the definition of "Directive 95/31/EC" of the following:

" 'Directive 95/31/EC' means Commission Directive 95/31/EC of 5 July 1995 laying down specific criteria of purity concerning sweeteners for use in foodstuffs as amended by Commission Directive 98/66/EC of 4 September 1998, Commission Directive 2000/51/EC of 26 July 2000 and Commission Directive 2001/52/EC of 3 July 2001".

GIVEN under my official seal this 27th day of June, 2002

L.S.

Micháel Martin

Micháel Martin, T.D.

Explanatory Note

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

These Regulations amend the European Communities (Additives, Colours and Sweeteners in Foodstuffs) Regulations, 2000 (S.I. No. 437 of 2000) and may be cited as the European Communities (Additives, Colours and Sweeteners in Foodstuffs) (Amendment) Regulations, 2002.

These Regulations implement Commission Directive 2001/52/EC of 12 July 2001 amending Directive 95/31/EC laying down specific criteria of purity concerning sweeteners for use in foodstuffs.

Purity criteria concern the specifications and analytical techniques for all approved additives. This S.I. replaces the purity criteria specification for the sweeteners Mannitol (E421) and Acesulfame K (E950) which had originally been laid down in Directive 95/31/EC.