

To: Lead Food Officers

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Dear Colleague,

Amendment to Food Standards Training Manual 2017 – Additives in non-prepacked bread

An error in the Food Standards Scotland Food Standards Training Manual has recently been brought to our attention. The guidance on the labelling of additives in non-prepacked bread in the Food Standards Training Manual is incorrect.

Under regulation 24 (1) (b) (ii) of the Food Labelling Regulations 1996 (as amended) (the FLRs), for foods sold non-prepacked including bread, the presence of any additive which: 'was added to or used in the food or an ingredient of the food to serve the function of an antioxidant, colour, flavouring, flavour enhancer, preservative, or sweetener, shall be marked or labelled with an indication of every such category of additive that is contained in the food.'

This requirement was lost when the Food Information (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (as amended) revoked the majority of the FLRs in December 2014. These new domestic Regulations provided for the enforcement of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 (which had no corresponding requirement for labelling of additives) and also revoked the specific requirement set out in regulation 5 (3) of the Bread and Flour Regulations 1998.

On page 82 of the Food Standards Training Manual, the following paragraph does not apply;

Bread on Display

Bread, which contains any of the following types of additives:- antioxidant, artificial sweeteners, colour, flour improvers, flavour enhancer, flavouring, preservative, must have a notice in close proximity to it, which clearly tells customers which of these additives are present in that bread.

This amendment will be made on the next review of the document but will be highlighted as an amendment on our website until such a review takes place.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me, grainne.gilson@fss.scot or on 01224 288391.

Yours faithfully

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