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Level 6

China ends ban on smelly cheese

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

China has reversed an import ban on several types of cheese that get their flavor (and distinctive smell) from bacteria. Chinese health officials placed a ban on the cheeses in September after authorities discovered that the bacteria used to make the cheeses were not officially approved by the health department. The cheeses now approved for sale in China include Brie, Camembert, Roquefort and Stilton. The ban was lifted following meetings between representatives from the European Commission and Chinese quarantine and health officials. China's National Health and Family Planning Commission stated that the bacteria used for the production of these cheeses were not harmful to consumers' health.

Cheese lovers in China were very happy that they can once again enjoy eating their favourite dairy product. Cheese is becoming increasingly popular in China. Dairy products are not a typical part of the Chinese diet but tastes are changing as more western food is influencing Chinese tastes. More Chinese people have acquired a taste for cheese because of the influx of pizza restaurants that have opened in recent years. Vincent Marion, a leading cheese importer based in Shanghai, said: "It's a real relief. It is now written in black and white that this category of cheese is legally importable." Cheese sales in the China will be worth \$820 million this year. This is an increase of nearly 25 per cent from last year.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-41717848>
<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/brie-trade-agreement-china-lifts-soft-cheese-ban-9335524>
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/china-smelly-cheese-ban-lift-imports-camembert-stilton-roquefort-a8015681.html>

WARM-UPS

1. CHEESE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cheese. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

import ban / flavor / smell / bacteria / health department / representatives / planning
happy / dairy product / typical / tastes / pizza / relief / recent years / category / sales

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DIET: Students A **strongly** believe cheese should be part of everyone's diet; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DAIRY PRODUCTS: What do you know about these dairy products? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How it is made	How healthy it is	How versatile it is
Cheese			
Milk			
Butter			
Yoghurt			
Ice cream			
Cream			

5. BACTERIA: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "bacteria". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CHEESE DISHES: Rank these with your partner. Put the tastiest at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- cheesecake
- cheeseburger
- cheese sandwich
- cheese fondue
- cheese on toast
- macaroni cheese
- cauliflower cheese
- palak paneer

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. China reversed an import ban on all of the world's cheeses. **T / F**
- b. China started its ban against cheese 15 years ago. **T / F**
- c. China removed the ban after talks with American cheese makers. **T / F**
- d. China's health authority said bacteria in the cheeses weren't harmful. **T / F**
- e. More and more Chinese people are starting to eat cheese. **T / F**
- f. A rise in pizza restaurants has led to Chinese people liking cheese more. **T / F**
- g. A cheese importer will soon start importing black and white cheese. **T / F**
- h. Cheese sales in China increased by 25 per cent in the past year. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. reversed | a. adopted |
| 2. distinctive | b. announced |
| 3. approved | c. damaging |
| 4. stated | d. overturned |
| 5. harmful | e. rise |
| 6. lovers | f. more and more |
| 7. increasingly | g. particular |
| 8. acquired | h. comfort |
| 9. relief | i. enthusiasts |
| 10. increase | j. rubber-stamped |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. distinctive | a. lovers in China |
| 2. not officially approved | b. of these cheeses |
| 3. The ban was | c. of pizza restaurants |
| 4. the bacteria used for the production | d. smell |
| 5. harmful to | e. lifted |
| 6. cheese | f. Chinese diet |
| 7. dairy | g. worth \$820 million |
| 8. a typical part of the | h. consumers' health |
| 9. because of the influx | i. products |
| 10. Cheese sales in China will be | j. by the health department |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

China has (1) _____ an import ban on several types of cheese that get their flavor and (2) _____ smell from bacteria. Chinese health officials placed a ban on the cheeses in September after (3) _____ discovered that the bacteria used to make the cheeses were not officially approved by the health department. The cheeses now (4) _____ for sale in China include Brie, Camembert, Roquefort and Stilton. The ban was lifted (5) _____ meetings between representatives from the European Commission and Chinese (6) _____ and health officials. China's National Health and Family Planning Commission stated that the (7) _____ used for the production of these cheeses were not (8) _____ to consumers' health.

bacteria
distinctive
harmful
authorities
following
quarantine
reversed
approved

Cheese lovers in China were very happy that they can (9) _____ again enjoy eating their favourite dairy product. Cheese is becoming (10) _____ popular in China. Dairy products are not a typical part of the Chinese diet but tastes are changing as more western food is (11) _____ Chinese tastes. More Chinese people have acquired a (12) _____ for cheese because of the influx of pizza restaurants that have opened in recent years. Vincent Marion, a leading cheese (13) _____ based in Shanghai, said: "It's a real (14) _____. It is now written in black and white that this (15) _____ of cheese is legally importable." Cheese (16) _____ in the China will be worth \$820 million this year. This is an increase of nearly 25 per cent from last year.

category
increasingly
taste
once
sales
relief
influencing
importer

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

- 1) China has reversed an import ban on several types of cheese that _____
 - a. get their favor
 - b. get there flavor
 - c. get they favor
 - d. get their flavor
- 2) the bacteria used to make the cheeses were not _____
 - a. official approved
 - b. officially approval
 - c. officially approved
 - d. officially approving
- 3) The cheeses now approved for sale in China _____
 - a. includes Brie
 - b. including Brie
 - c. inclusive Brie
 - d. include Brie
- 4) representatives from the European Commission and Chinese quarantine and _____
 - a. healthy officials
 - b. health officials
 - c. health official
 - d. healthy official
- 5) production of these cheeses were not _____ health
 - a. harmful to consumers'
 - b. harmfully to consumers'
 - c. harmful too consumers'
 - d. harmful two consumers'
- 6) happy that they can once again enjoy eating their favourite _____
 - a. daily product
 - b. dairy product
 - c. dairy productive
 - d. dairy production
- 7) Cheese is becoming increasingly _____
 - a. popular in China
 - b. populace in China
 - c. populate in China
 - d. popularity in China
- 8) Dairy products are not a _____ the Chinese diet
 - a. typically part of
 - b. typical party of
 - c. typical part of
 - d. typify part of
- 9) More Chinese people have _____ for cheese
 - a. acquired a taste
 - b. required a taste
 - c. acquired a tasty
 - d. required a tasty
- 10) Cheese sales in China will be _____ million
 - a. worthless \$820
 - b. worthwhile \$820
 - c. worthy \$820
 - d. worth \$820

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

1. How many types of cheese were included in the overturned ban?
2. When was the ban initially put in place?
3. How many cheeses were mentioned as being approved for sale in China?
4. What representatives did Chinese quarantine officials meet?
5. What did Chinese health officials say was not harmful?
6. Who did the article say would be happy?
7. What is cheese not a typical part of in China?
8. What has there been an influx of in China?
9. Who is Vincent Marion?
10. By how much have cheese sales risen in China in the past year?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

- 1) How many types of cheese were included in the overturned ban?
 - a) 700
 - b) seventy
 - c) several
 - d) seventeen
- 2) When was the ban initially put in place?
 - a) September
 - b) 3 years ago
 - c) 2011
 - d) a long, long time ago
- 3) How many cheeses were mentioned as being approved for sale in China?
 - a) 7
 - b) 6
 - c) 5
 - d) 4
- 4) What representatives did Chinese quarantine officials meet?
 - a) cheese makers
 - b) European Commission representatives
 - c) import representatives
 - d) health representatives
- 5) What did Chinese health officials say was not harmful?
 - a) cheese on toast
 - b) European food
 - c) bacteria
 - d) trade
- 6) Who did the article say would be happy?
 - a) pizza restaurant owners
 - b) cheese lovers
 - c) health officials
 - d) European Commission representatives
- 7) What is cheese not a typical part of in China?
 - a) literature
 - b) weddings
 - c) history
 - d) the diet
- 8) What has there been an influx of in China?
 - a) bad quality cheese
 - b) pizza restaurants
 - c) black and white cheese
 - d) European Commission representatives
- 9) Who is Vincent Marion?
 - a) a cheese importer
 - b) a cheese maker
 - c) a European Commission representative
 - d) a pizza restaurant owner
- 10) By how much have cheese sales risen in China in the past year?
 - a) 175%
 - b) 85%
 - c) 35%
 - d) 25%

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Cheesecake

You think cheesecake is the tastiest cheese dish. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their dishes. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): a cheese sandwich, macaroni cheese or cheese fondue.

Role B – Cheese Sandwich

You think a cheese sandwich is the tastiest cheese dish. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their dishes. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): cheesecake, macaroni cheese or cheese fondue.

Role C – Macaroni Cheese

You think macaroni cheese is the tastiest cheese dish. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their dishes. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): a cheese sandwich, cheesecake or cheese fondue.

Role D – Cheese Fondue

You think cheese fondue is the tastiest cheese dish. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their dishes. Also, tell the others which is the least tasty of these (and why): a cheese sandwich, macaroni cheese or cheesecake.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'ban' and 'cheese'.

ban	cheese
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• several• September• include• following• planning• harmful	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• happy• typical• taste• recent• written• 25
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CHEESE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cheese in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

CHEESE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'smelly'?
3. What do you think of cheese?
4. What do you know about cheese?
5. How healthy is cheese?
6. What do you think of bacteria in cheese?
7. Why might the smelliest cheese taste the best?
8. What's your favourite kind of cheese?
9. How dangerous might cheese be?
10. What does quarantine involve?

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CHEESE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'cheese'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What's the best way to cook cheese?
15. What's your favourite dairy product?
16. What's a typical part of your diet?
17. What do you think of pizza?
18. How do you make cheese?
19. What dishes do you know that use cheese?
20. What questions would you like to ask a cheese lover?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Cheese lovers in China were very happy that they can (7) _____ again enjoy eating their favourite dairy product. Cheese is becoming increasingly popular in China. Dairy products are not a (8) _____ part of the Chinese diet but tastes are changing (9) _____ more western food is influencing Chinese tastes. More Chinese people have acquired a (10) _____ for cheese because of the influx of pizza restaurants that have opened in recent years. Vincent Marion, a leading cheese importer based in Shanghai, said: "It's a real (11) _____. It is now written in black and white that this category of cheese is legally importable." Cheese sales in the China will be (12) _____ \$820 million this year. This is an increase of nearly 25 per cent from last year.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) several | (b) sever | (c) severe | (d) severance |
| 2. | (a) placated | (b) placard | (c) placed | (d) placidly |
| 3. | (a) officiate | (b) officials | (c) officially | (d) officialdom |
| 4. | (a) seldom | (b) sold | (c) sell | (d) sale |
| 5. | (a) stated | (b) started | (c) situated | (d) strutted |
| 6. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) by | (d) at |
| 7. | (a) onset | (b) onus | (c) only | (d) once |
| 8. | (a) typify | (b) typical | (c) typeface | (d) typo |
| 9. | (a) was | (b) has | (c) as | (d) ease |
| 10. | (a) paste | (b) baste | (c) haste | (d) taste |
| 11. | (a) reliable | (b) relish | (c) relic | (d) relief |
| 12. | (a) worthy | (b) worth | (c) worthwhile | (d) worthless |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

Paragraph 1

1. China has eseredrv an import ban
2. vearels types of cheese
3. icnitistevd smell
4. ariabtce used to make the cheeses
5. Chinese rnnietuaaq
6. not harmful to urnscemos

Paragraph 2

7. their favourite drayi product
8. not a yalpict part of the Chinese diet
9. aeqdrcti a taste for cheese
10. the nfluxi of pizza restaurants
11. It's a real freile
12. this otgcyrea of cheese

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) China has reversed an import ban on several types of cheese that get their flavor (and distinctive smell)
- () diet but tastes are changing as more western food is influencing Chinese tastes. More Chinese people have
- () discovered that the bacteria used to make the cheeses were not officially approved by the health
- () that the bacteria used for the production of these cheeses were not harmful to consumers' health.
- () product. Cheese is becoming increasingly popular in China. Dairy products are not a typical part of the Chinese
- () department. The cheeses now approved for sale in China include Brie, Camembert, Roquefort and Stilton. The ban was
- () years. Vincent Marion, a leading cheese importer based in Shanghai, said: "It's a real relief. It is now written
- () and Chinese quarantine and health officials. China's National Health and Family Planning Commission stated
- () \$820 million this year. This is an increase of nearly 25 per cent from last year.
- () Cheese lovers in China were very happy that they can once again enjoy eating their favourite dairy
- () lifted following meetings between representatives from the European Commission
- () in black and white that this category of cheese is legally importable." Cheese sales in China will be worth
- () from bacteria. Chinese health officials placed a ban on the cheeses in September after authorities
- () acquired a taste for cheese because of the influx of pizza restaurants that have opened in recent

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

1. an China import several cheese reversed on of has ban types .
2. ban cheeses Health a the September placed on in officials .
3. were to not make approved the Bacteria cheeses used .
4. approved in Brie now sale include cheeses for China The .
5. to harmful not were cheeses These health consumers' .
6. They their can favourite again dairy enjoy product eating .
7. the part are Chinese not diet a Dairy typical products of .
8. More a Chinese taste people for have cheese acquired .
9. The opened have that restaurants pizza of influx .
10. sales Cheese year this million \$820 worth be will China in .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1710/171025-cheese.html>

China has *reversed* / *severed* an import ban on several types of cheese that get their *favor* / *flavor* (and distinctive smell) from bacteria. Chinese health officials placed a ban *in* / *on* the cheeses in September after *authorities* / *authority* discovered that the bacteria used to make the cheeses were not *officially* / *official* approved by the health department. The cheeses now approved for sale in China *inclusive* / *include* Brie, Camembert, Roquefort and Stilton. The ban was lifted *followed* / *following* meetings between representatives from the European Commission and Chinese *quarrelsome* / *quarantine* and health officials. China's National Health and Family Planning Commission *started* / *stated* that the bacteria used for the production of these cheeses were not *harmful* / *harmed* to consumers' health.

Cheese *lovelies* / *lovers* in China were very happy that they can *once* / *twice* again enjoy eating their favourite *daily* / *dairy* product. Cheese is becoming increasingly *popular* / *populate* in China. Dairy products are not a *typically* / *typical* part of the Chinese diet but tastes are changing as more western food is influencing Chinese tastes. More Chinese people have *acquiesced* / *acquired* a taste for cheese because of the *influx* / *reflux* of pizza restaurants that have opened in *recently* / *recent* years. Vincent Marion, a leading cheese importer based in Shanghai, said: "It's a *real* / *really* relief. It is now written in black and white that this category of cheese is legally importable." Cheese sales in the China will be *worthwhile* / *worth* \$820 million this year. This is an increase of nearly 25 per cent from last year.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Ch_n_ h_s r_v_rs_d _n _mp_rt b_n _n s_v_r_l typ_s _f
ch__s_ th_t g_t th__r fl_v_r (_nd d_st_nct_v__sm_ll)
fr_m b_ct_r__ . Ch_n_s_ h__lth _ff_c__ls pl_c_d _ b_n
n th ch__s_s _n S_pt_mb_r _ft_r __th_r_t__s
d_sc_v_r_d th_t th_ b_ct_r__ _s_d t_ m_k_ th_
ch__s_s w_r_n_t _ff_c__lly _ppr_v_d by th_ h__lth
d_p_rtm_nt. Th_ ch__s_s n_w _ppr_v_d f_r s_l_ _n
Ch_n_ _ncl_d_ Br__, C_m_mb_rt, R_q__f_rt _nd
St_lt_n. Th_ b_n w_s l_ft_d f_ll_w_ng m__t_ngs
b_tw__n r_pr_s_nt_t_v_s fr_m th_ __r_p__n
C_mm_ss__n _nd Ch_n_s_ q__r_nt_n_ _nd h__lth
_ff_c__ls. Ch_n_'s N_t__n_l H__lth _nd F_m_ly
Pl_nn_ng C_mm_ss__n st_t_d th_t th_ b_ct_r__ _s_d
f_r th_ pr_d_ct__n f th_s_ ch__s_s w_r_n_t h_rmf_l
t_ c_ns_m_rs' h__lth.

Ch__s_ l_v_rs _n Ch_n_ w_r_ v_ry h_ppy th_t th_y c_n
nc _g__n _nj_y __t_ng th__r f_v__r_t_ d__ry
pr_d_ct. Ch__s_ s_b_c_m_ng _ncr__s_ngly p_p_l_r_n
Ch_n_. D__ry pr_d_cts _r_n_t _typ_c_l_p_rt _f th_
Ch_n_s_ d__t_b_t_t_st_s_r_ch_ng_ng_s_m_r_w_st_rn
f__d__s__nfl__nc_ng Ch_n_s_ t_st_s. M_r_ Ch_n_s_
p__pl_ h_v_ _cq__r_d _t_st_ f_r ch__s_ b_c__s_ _f
th_ _nfl_x _f p_zz_r_st__r_nts th_t h_v_ _p_n_d_n
r_c_nt_y__rs. V_nc_nt M_r__n, _l__d_ng ch__s_
_mp_rt_r_b_s_d_n Sh_ngh__, s__d: "_t's_r_l_r_l__f.
_t_s_n_w wr_tt_n _n bl_ck _nd wh_t_ th_t th_s
c_t_g_ry _f ch__s_ _s_l_g_lly _mp_rt_bl_." Ch__s_
s_l_s _n th_ Ch_n_ w_ll b_w_rth \$820 m_ll__n th_s
y__r. Th_s_ _s_n _ncr__s_ _f n__rly 25 p_r_c_nt fr_m
l_st_y__r.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CHEESE: Make a poster about cheese. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WORLD FOOD: Write a magazine article about all national cuisines blending into one world food. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on cheese. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make cheese more popular around the world. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c F d T e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. reversed | a. overturned |
| 2. distinctive | b. particular |
| 3. approved | c. rubber-stamped |
| 4. stated | d. announced |
| 5. harmful | e. damaging |
| 6. lovers | f. enthusiasts |
| 7. increasingly | g. more and more |
| 8. acquired | h. adopted |
| 9. relief | i. comfort |
| 10. increase | j. rise |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Several types
2. September
3. Four
4. The European Commission
5. Bacteria in cheese
6. Cheese lovers in China
7. The diet
8. Pizza restaurants
9. A leading cheese importer
10. Nearly 25%

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)