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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling

Miscellaneous Additives in Food

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Coming into operation 24th November 1975

The Department of Health and Social Services(a) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 4, 7 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Miscellaneous Additives in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 24th November 1975.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations "the 1974 Regulations" means the Miscellaneous Additives in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974(c) and "the 1970 Regulations" means the Labelling of Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(d).

Amendment of the 1974 Regulations

3.—(1) Part I of Schedule 1 of the 1974 Regulations shall be amended—

(a) by inserting immediately after the item relating to ammonium ferric citrate, green the following item:

"Column 1	Column 2
<i>Name of miscellaneous additive</i>	<i>Serial number</i>
Dichlorodifluoromethane	—";

(a) Formerly the Ministry of Health and Social Services: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8

(b) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. 1974 No. 196

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 80 (p. 339)

- (b) by substituting for the item relating to ammonium, sodium, potassium and calcium polyphosphates the following item:

"Column 1	Column 2
<i>Name of miscellaneous additive</i>	<i>Serial number</i>
Ammonium, sodium, potassium and calcium polyphosphates including sodium and potassium polyphosphates	— E450(c)".

- (2) Part II of Schedule 1 of the 1974 Regulations shall be amended—

- (a) by inserting immediately after the specific purity criteria applicable to ammonium ferric citrate, green the following specific purity criteria:

"Dichlorodifluoromethane

Description	Clear, colourless liquified gas.
Content	Not less than 99.97 per centum CCl_2F_2 .
Trichlorofluoromethane CCl_3F	} Not more than 290 mg. per kg. singly or in combination.
Dichlorodifluoromethane $CHCl_2F_2$	
Chlorodifluoromethane $CHClF_2$	
Chlorotrifluoromethane $CClF_3$	
Other organic compounds	Not more than 10 mg. per kg.
Non volatile matter (after evaporation at 0°C.)	Not more than 0.01 per centum.";

- (b) by substituting for the heading to the specific purity criteria applicable to ammonium, sodium, potassium and calcium polyphosphates the following heading:

"Ammonium, sodium, potassium and calcium polyphosphates including E450(c) sodium and potassium polyphosphates".

- (3) Schedule 2 of the 1974 Regulations shall be amended by inserting immediately after the item relating to chocolate confectionery the following item:

"Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
<i>Specified food</i>	<i>Permitted miscellaneous additive</i>	<i>Except where otherwise stated, milligrams per kilogram not exceeding—</i>
Frozen food	Dichlorodifluoromethane	100 (determined when the food is fully thawed at and to 20°C.)"

Amendment of the 1970 Regulations

4.—(1) The following regulation shall be inserted after regulation 18 of the 1970 Regulations:

“18A.—(1) No person shall sell by retail, pre-packed, any food which has been frozen with dichlorodifluoromethane unless the statement “contact frozen with permitted liquid freezant” or the statement “contact frozen with permitted dichlorodifluoromethane” appears in or in immediate proximity to the appropriate designation or common or usual name which appears on the label in compliance with the provisions of regulation 5:

Provided that the word “permitted” may be omitted from either of the said statements.

(2) No person shall sell by retail any food which has been frozen with dichlorodifluoromethane and is not pre-packed unless either the statement “contact frozen with permitted liquid freezant” or the statement “contact frozen with permitted dichlorodifluoromethane” appears on a ticket displayed on or in immediate proximity to that food and so as to be clearly visible to an intending purchaser:

Provided that the word “permitted” may be omitted from either of the said statements.

(3) No person shall deliver pursuant to a sale otherwise than by retail any food which has been frozen with dichlorodifluoromethane unless he notifies the purchaser at or before delivery that the food has been so frozen.”.

(2) Regulation 28(1) shall be amended by inserting after the words and figures “any statement required by regulation 15” the figures and letter “18A”.

(3) Schedule 5 shall be amended by inserting after paragraph 12 the following paragraph:

“12A. The letters of the words in any statement required by regulation 18A(1) shall be not less than 2 millimetres in height.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 2nd October 1975.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations come into operation on 24th November 1975 and amend the Miscellaneous Additives in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974. They—

- (a) substitute a revised description of the polyphosphates permitted by the 1974 Regulations, separately identifying the sodium and potassium forms and specifying their serial number;
- (b) add to the list of permitted miscellaneous additives the liquid freezant dichlorodifluoromethane and prescribe specific purity criteria for this substance;
- (c) impose a limit on the amount of dichlorodifluoromethane which may be present in or on frozen food.

The regulations also further amend the Labelling of Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 to require the labelling of food which has been frozen with dichlorodifluoromethane and to prescribe the manner of that labelling.