

1966 No. 1640

**FOOD AND DRUGS**  
**COMPOSITION AND LABELLING**

**The Cheese (Amendment) Regulations 1966**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	28th December 1966
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	9th January 1967
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st February 1967

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Health, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 4, 7 and 123 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following regulations after consultation with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by the regulations and reference to the Food Hygiene Advisory Council under section 82 of the said Act (insofar as the regulations relate to the labelling, marking or description of food):—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Cheese (Amendment) Regulations 1966; and shall come into operation on 1st February 1967.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Cheese Regulations 1965(b).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Amendment of the Principal Regulations*

3. The principal regulations shall be amended as follows:—

(a) by substituting in regulation 2 thereof for the definition of “compound product” the following definition:—

“ ‘compound product’ means food which consists of a combination of two or more foods and which does not contain less than 10 per cent. cheese, processed cheese or cheese spread or any mixture of two or more of them, as a percentage of the compound product, but does not include any pie, pudding, cake, confectionery, biscuit, Welsh rarebit or any product similar to Welsh rarebit;”;

(b) by substituting for paragraph (1) of regulation 8 thereof the following paragraph:—

“(1) Any processed cheese sold or consigned or delivered under a description containing the word “processed” with the name of a variety of cheese specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 to these regulations, whether or not such processed cheese was manufactured in the United Kingdom, shall either—

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(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16.

(b) S.I. 1965/2199 (1965 III, p. 6422).

(c) 1889 c. 63.

- (a) comply with the percentages for milk fat and water set out respectively in columns 2 and 3 of the said Schedule opposite the name of such cheese, except that processed Cheddar cheese shall contain not less than 48 per cent. milk fat in the dry matter, and not more than 43 per cent. water; or
- (b) comply with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation.”;
- (c) by deleting in paragraph (4) of regulation 8 thereof the words “not being a variety specified in column 1 of the Schedule 1 to these regulations.”;
- (d) by adding at the end of Schedule 1 thereto the items appearing in the Schedule to these regulations;
- (e) by substituting for sub-paragraph (d) of, and the proviso to, paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 thereto the following sub-paragraph:—
- “(d) be of uniform colour and size, except that the initial letter in any such word may be larger than the other letters in that word:
- Provided that the requirements of this sub-paragraph shall not have effect in relation to any compound product until 1st February 1970.”;
- (f) by adding at the beginning of paragraph 2 of the said Schedule the words “On and after 1st February 1970”.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 22nd December 1966.

(L.S.)

*Frederick Peart,*

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 28th December 1966.

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*Kenneth Robinson,*

Minister of Health.

#### SCHEDULE

##### Regulation 3 (d)

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Variety of Cheese	Minimum Percentage of Milk Fat in the Dry Matter	Maximum Percentage of Water Calculated on the Weight of the Cheese as sold
Edam	40	46
Loaf Edam	40	46
Baby Edam	40	47
Baby Loaf Edam	40	47
Gouda	48	43
Baby Gouda	48	45
Danablu	50	47
Danbo	45	46
Havarti	45	50
Samsøe	45	44
Emmental or Emmentaler	45	40
Gruyere or Greyerzer or Gruyera	45	38

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These amending regulations, which come into operation on 1st February 1967,—

- (a) redefine “compound product” for the purposes of the principal regulations;
- (b) require a processed cheese which is described by its varietal name to comply either with the compositional standards prescribed for that variety or with the description and compositional requirements of regulation 8(2) of the principal regulations;
- (c) add to the varieties of cheese subject to the requirements of the principal regulations those varieties specified in the Schedule to these regulations;
- (d) postpone until 1st February 1970 the coming into operation of—
  - (i) the requirement, in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the principal regulations, as to uniformity of colour and size of letters, words or numerals used on labels or tickets, so far as it relates to compound products;
  - (ii) the requirement, in paragraph 2 of that Schedule, as to the minimum size of letters and numerals used on labels.

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*Note : S.I. No. 1641 is local : particulars of it will be found in the Classified List of Local S.I. which commences at p. 5255 below.*