

1968 No. 2046

FOOD AND DRUGS

COMPOSITION AND LABELLING

The Canned Meat Product (Amendment) Regulations 1968*Made* - - - 19th December 1968*Laid before Parliament* 3rd January 1969*Coming into Operation* 4th January 1969

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Social Services, 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 are made in exercise of the powers conferred by the said section 7) :—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Canned Meat Product (Amendment) Regulations 1968; and shall come into operation on 4th January 1969.

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

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. The Canned Meat Product Regulations 1967(c) shall be amended as follows :—

(a) by substituting for regulation 5(2) thereof the following paragraph :—

“(2) The minimum meat content required by regulation 6 of these regulations for any canned meat product (other than any canned sliced bacon, canned sausage, canned meat pie or canned sausage roll) shall include a lean meat content of not less than 60 per cent. of such minimum meat content.”;

(b) by substituting for sub-paragraph (a) of the proviso to paragraph (2) of regulation 6 thereof the following sub-paragraph :—

“(a) have a meat content of not less than 90 per cent. if—

(i) the meat in the product has been cured and the product has been cooked after canning and bears on a label on the container as a description, as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name, the expression “cured meat” or the name of any variety of meat which is commonly or usually recognised as the name of a cured meat; or

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2.c.16. For the transfer of functions from the Minister of Health to the Secretary of State, see S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585).

(b) 1889 c.63.

(c) S.I. 1967/861 (1967 II, p. 2569).

- (ii) the meat in the product has been chopped or minced and the product has been cooked after canning and is such that it can be removed from the container as a single piece and can be sliced, and bears on a label on the container as a description, as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name, such one of the following expressions as may be appropriate, namely, "chopped meat" or "minced meat" or "chopped X" or "minced X", and the description has been completed, where appropriate, by inserting at "X" the common or usual name of the meat present ;
- (c) by deleting from regulation 6(8)(c)(i) thereof the words "as or" which follow immediately after the words "if there appears upon such label." ;
- (d) by inserting in regulation 8 thereof immediately after the word "deliver" the words "in a container" and by inserting in the said regulation immediately before the words "such canned meat product" the words "the container of".

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 17th December 1968.

(L.S.)

Cledwyn Hughes,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

David Ennals,
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

19th December 1968.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Canned Meat Product Regulations 1967 (which come into operation on 31st May 1969) by—

- (a) exempting canned sliced bacon from any requirement as to lean meat content ;
- (b) setting a separate standard for the meat content of chopped or minced meat which is suitable for slicing ;
- (c) restricting the use of the expression "ready meal" on the label of a canned meat product ;
- (d) applying labelling requirements to canned meat products only when such products are in containers.