

1970 No. 1102

**FOOD AND DRUGS****COMPOSITION AND LABELLING****The Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment)  
Regulations 1970**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	24th July 1970
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		31st July 1970
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st January 1971

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) as read with the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968(b), 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 Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1970, and shall come into operation on 1st January 1971.

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

*Amendment of principal regulations*

2. The Colouring Matter in Food Regulations 1966(d) shall be amended by deleting from Part I of Schedule 1 thereto (which describes various permitted colouring matters) the entry “Ponceau MX” in column 1 of that Part and the entries relating thereto in columns 2, 3 and 4.

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16.  
(c) 1889 c. 63.

(b) S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585).  
(d) S.I. 1966/1203 (1966 III, p. 3203).

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In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 10th July 1970.

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*J. M. L. Prior,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries  
and Food.

*Keith Joseph,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

24th July 1970.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These amending regulations, which come into operation on 1st January 1971, remove the coal tar colour Ponceau MX from the list of colouring matters permitted for use in food.

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