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FOOD AND DRUGS

COMPOSITION AND LABELLING

The Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1976*Made* - - - - 6th December 1976*Laid before Parliament* - 10th December 1976*Coming into Operation—**Except as provided in regulation 1(1)(a) and (b)* 1st January 1977*In all respects* - - 1st January 1978

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 amended by section 4(1) of, and paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 4 to, the European Communities Act 1972(b) and as read with the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968(c), 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 after reference to the Food Hygiene Advisory Council under section 82 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 (in so far 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 1976, and shall come into operation on 1st January 1977 except that—

- (a) the amendments made by regulation 2 hereof shall not have effect for the purposes of regulation 4 (which relates to the sale etc. of food containing colouring matter) and 5 (which prohibits the use of added colouring matter in specified foods but exempts husks containing nuts from the prohibition) of the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations 1973(d), as amended(e), and of any other regulations made under section 4 or 7 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 until 1st January 1978;
- (b) regulation 3 hereof shall come into operation on 1st January 1978.

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

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 1972 c. 68. (c) S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585).
 (d) S.I. 1973/1340 (1973 II, p. 4097). (e) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1975/1488 (1975 III, p. 4986).
 (f) 1889 c. 63.

Amendment of the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations 1973

2. The Colouring Matter in Food Regulations 1973, as amended, shall be further amended—

(a) by deleting from the table in Part I of Schedule 1 thereto (which describes permitted colouring matters) and from Part II of that Schedule (which specifies the specific purity criteria relating to those colouring matters) the items relating to the following colouring matters:—

Fast Yellow AB E105,

Orchil or Orcein E121,

Solanthrene Blue RS or Anthragen Blue or Indanthrene Blue E130,

Black 7984 E152,

Burnt Umber E181;

(b) by deleting from column 2 of Schedule 3 thereto (which specifies colouring matters permitted only in certain foods) the entry “Burnt Umber” in the item relating to hard cheese.

Amendment of the Cheese Regulations 1970

3. The Cheese Regulations 1970(a), as amended (b), shall be further amended by deleting from paragraph (d)(iii) of regulation 11 thereof (which specifies permitted colouring matters which may be included as ingredients in processed cheese and cheese spread) the words “orchil (orcein)”.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on the 2nd day of December 1976.

(L.S.)

John Silkin,

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

David Ennals,

6th December 1976.

Secretary of State for Social Services.

(a) S.I. 1970/94 (1970 I, p. 432).

(b) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1974/1122 (1974 II, p. 4269).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which further amend the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations 1973, remove the colouring matters Fast Yellow AB E105, Orchil or Orcein E121, Solanthrene Blue RS or Anthragen Blue or Indanthrene Blue E130, Black 7984 E152 and Burnt Umber E181 from the list of colouring matters permitted in or on food.

The amendments come into operation on 1st January 1977 except that for the purposes of regulations 4 (which relates to the sale etc. of food containing colouring matter) and 5 (which prohibits the use of added colouring matter in specified foods but exempts husks containing nuts from the prohibition) of the principal regulations and for the purposes of any other regulations made under section 4 or 7 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 they do not take effect until 1st January 1978.

A consequential amendment to the Cheese Regulations 1970, as amended, is included (Regulation 3) and this also comes into operation on 1st January 1978. This amendment removes orchil (orcein) from the list of permitted colouring matters in processed cheese and cheese spread.

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