
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1831

FOOD AND DRUGS**COMPOSITION AND LABELLING****The Antioxidants in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1980**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>1st December 1980</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>10th December 1980</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>31st December 1980</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales, 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 after reference to the Food Hygiene Advisory Council under section 82 of the said Act (in so far as the regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by the said section 7):—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Antioxidants in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1980, and shall come into operation on 31st December 1980.

Amendment of the Antioxidants in Food Regulations 1978

2. The Antioxidants in Food Regulations 1978(b) shall be amended—
- (a) by inserting in column 2 of Part I of Schedule 1 thereto in relation to propyl gallate the serial number “E 310”;
 - (b) by substituting for Part II of Schedule 1 thereto the Part set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(a) 1955 c.16 (4 & 5 Eliz.2); section 4 was amended by section 4(1) of and paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972 (c.68); sections 4, 7 and 123 are to be read with the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699) and the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No.1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272).

(b) S.I. 1978/105.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 26th November 1980.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

28th November 1980.

Patrick Jenkin,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

1st December 1980.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(b)

**NEW PART II OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ANTIOXIDANTS
IN FOOD REGULATIONS 1978**

**PART II
SPECIFIC PURITY CRITERIA FOR PERMITTED
ANTIOXIDANTS**

Each of the following permitted antioxidants shall comply with the specific purity criteria for it contained in Council Directive No. 78/664/EEC(a)—

- E 300 L-Ascorbic acid
- E 301 Sodium L-ascorbate
- E 302 Calcium L-ascorbate
- E 304 6-*O*-Palmitoyl-L-ascorbic acid (*Synonym*: Ascorbyl palmitate)
- E 306 Extracts of natural origin rich in tocopherols
- E 307 Synthetic *alpha*-tocopherol
- E 308 Synthetic *gamma*-tocopherol
- E 309 Synthetic *delta*-tocopherol
- E 310 Propyl gallate
(*Synonym*: Propyl 3, 4, 5-trihydroxybenzoate)
- E 311 Octyl gallate
(*Synonym*: Octyl 3, 4, 5-trihydroxybenzoate)
- E 312 Dodecyl gallate
(*Synonym*: Dodecyl 3, 4, 5-trihydroxybenzoate)
- E 320 Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA)
- E 321 Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT)
(*Synonym*: 2, 6-di-*tert*-butyl-*p*-cresol)

Ethoxyquin shall comply with the following specific purity criteria:—

Description	...	...	...	Pale amber oil when freshly prepared. Tendency to polymerise on exposure to light and oxygen with darkening in colour.
Content	...	...	...	Not less than 92 per centum of the monomer 1,2-dihydro-6-ethoxy-2,2,4-trimethylquinoline (C ₁₄ H ₁₉ NO). The remainder shall consist of the dimer and higher polymers.
Boiling Point	...	...	...	125°C at 1 to 2 mm. of mercury.
Refractive index, n _D ^{25°C}	...	...	...	Not less than 1.569 and not more than 1.572.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which come into operation on 31st December 1980, amend the Antioxidants in Food Regulations 1978. They implement in part Council Directive No. 78/143/EEC (O.J. No. L44, 15.2.78, p.18) amending for the second time Directive No. 70/357/EEC (O.J. No. L157, 18.7.70, p.31: O.J./S.E. 1970(II) p.429) and Council Directive No. 78/664/EEC (O.J. No. L223, 14.8.78, p.30) laying down specific criteria of purity for antioxidants which may be used in foodstuffs intended for human consumption.

The regulations—

- (a) insert a serial number for the permitted antioxidant propyl gallate in Part I of Schedule 1; and
- (b) replace in appropriate cases the specific purity criteria for permitted antioxidants in Part II of Schedule 1 by the specific purity criteria laid down in Council Directive No. 78/664/EEC.

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