

1983 No. 1810

FOOD

COMPOSITION AND LABELLING

**The Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food
(Amendment) Regulations 1983**

Made - - - - 6th December 1983

Laid before Parliament 14th December 1983

Coming into Operation—

Regulation 3(e) 1st January 1985

Remainder 4th January 1984

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 by sections 4, 7 and 123 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955(a), and now vested in them(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations, after consultation in accordance with section 123(6) of the said Act with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by the regulations:—

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1983 and shall come into operation—

- (a) as respects regulation 3(e) on 1st January 1985, and
- (b) as respects the remainder on 4th January 1984.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to a numbered regulation or schedule shall be construed as a reference to the regulation or schedule so numbered in the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food Regulations 1980(c).

Amendment of the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food Regulations 1980

2. The Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food Regulations 1980 shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of these regulations.

(a) 1955 c. 16 (4 & 5 Eliz. 2); section 4 was amended by paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68); section 123 was amended by section 4 of the Food and Drugs (Amendment) Act 1982 (c. 26).

(b) In the case of the Secretary of State for Social Services by virtue of S.I. 1968/1699 and in the case of the Secretary of State for Wales by virtue of S.I. 1978/272.

(c) S.I. 1980/1833; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1982/16.

*Amendment of Schedule 1, Part II***3.** In Part II of Schedule 1—

- (a) There shall be inserted at the end of the item relating to E 322 Lecithins the following words:—
“as substituted by Article 1.2 of Council Directive 82/712/EEC**(a)**.”
- (b) There shall be inserted at the end of the items relating to E 400 Alginic acid, E 401 Sodium alginate, E 402 Potassium alginate, E 403 Ammonium alginate, E 404 Calcium alginate and E 405 Propane-1,2-diol alginate in each case the following words:—
“as amended by Article 1.2(a) of Council Directive 82/504/EEC**(b)**.”
- (c) For the item relating to E 415 Xanthan gum there shall be substituted the following words:—
“The specific purity criteria for xanthan gum contained in Council Directive 78/663/EEC**(c)** as inserted by Article 1.2(b) of Council Directive 82/504/EEC.”
- (d) There shall be inserted at the end of the item relating to E 474 Sucroglycerides the following words:—
“as amended by Article 1.2(e) of Council Directive 82/504/EEC.”
- (e) There shall be inserted at the end of the item relating to E 477 Propane-1,2-diol esters of fatty acids the following words:—
“as amended by Article 1.2(f) of Council Directive 82/504/EEC.”

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 25th November 1983.



Michael Jopling,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

5th December 1983.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

6th December 1983.

(a) O.J. No. L297, 23.10.82, p. 31.
(c) O.J. No. L223, 14.8.78, p. 7.

(b) O.J. No. L230, 5.8.82, p. 35.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food Regulations 1980 ('the 1980 Regulations').

The regulations amend Part II of Schedule 1 to the 1980 Regulations by—

- (a) replacing the specific purity criteria for E 322 Lecithins (regulation 3(a));
- (b) providing for the first time Community specific purity criteria for E 415 Xanthan gum (regulation 3(c));
- (c) amending the criteria specified for the substances given (by Part I of that Schedule) the serial numbers E 400, E 401, E 402, E 403, E 404, E 405 and E 474 (regulation 3(b) and (d)), and E 477 (regulation 3(e)).

The regulations come into force on 4th January 1984, except for the amendment to the entry in the 1980 Regulations for E 477 which takes effect on 1st January 1985 (regulation 1(1)).

The regulations implement in part Council Directive No. 82/504/EEC (O.J. No. L230, 5.8.82, p. 35) amending Council Directive 78/663/EEC (O.J. No. L223, 14.8.78, p. 7) laying down specific criteria of purity for emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs. They also implement in part Council Directive No. 82/712/EEC (O.J. No. L297, 23.10.82, p. 31) amending 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.

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