
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 481

FOOD, ENGLAND

The Colours in Food (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000

Made - - - - - *17th February 2000*
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Coming into force - - - *30th June 2000*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly in relation to England, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 6(4), 16(1)(a) and (e), 17(1), 26(1) and (3) and 48(1) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to, the Food Safety Act 1990(1) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations, after consultation in accordance with section 48(4) of that Act with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by the following Regulations:

Title, commencement, extent and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Colours in Food (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000, shall come into force on 30th June 2000 and shall apply to England.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Colours in Food Regulations 1995(2).

Amendment of the principal Regulations

2. The principal Regulations, in so far as they apply to England, shall be amended by the addition, at the end of the definition of “Directive 95/45/EC” in regulation 2(1), of the words “, as amended by Directive 1999/75/EC(3)”.

Consequential provision

3.—(1) References to the principal Regulations in the provisions listed in paragraph (2) below shall, in so far as those provisions apply to England, be taken to be references to the principal Regulations as amended by these Regulations.

(2) The provisions to which paragraph (1) above refers are—

(1) 1990 c. 16; “the Ministers” is defined in relation to England and Wales in section 4(1) of the Act. Section 6(4)(a) of the Act was amended by the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (c. 40), Schedule 9, paragraph 6. Functions were transferred, in relation to Wales, to the National Assembly for Wales by S.I. 1999/672 and, by virtue of S.I. 1999/3141, functions of the Secretary of State for Wales ceased to be exercisable in relation to England.

(2) S.I. 1995/3124.

(3) O.J. No. L206, 5.8.1999, p. 19.

- (a) the definition of “permitted colour” in regulation 2(1) (interpretation) of the Jam and Similar Products Regulations 1981(4);
- (b) the definition of “additive” in regulation 2(1) (interpretation) of the Meat Products and Spreadable Fish Products Regulations 1984(5);
- (c) the definition of “colour” in Part II of Schedule 1 (categories of food additives) to the Food Additive Labelling Regulations 1992(6);
- (d) the definition of “colour” in regulation 2(1) (interpretation) of the Miscellaneous Food Additives Regulations 1995(7); and
- (e) the definition of “the additives Regulations” in regulation 2(1) (interpretation) of the Food Labelling Regulations 1996(8).

14th February 2000

Hayman
Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

17th February 2000

Gisela Stuart
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Health

(4) S.I. 1981/1063; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/3124.
(5) S.I. 1984/1566; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1995/3123, 1995/3124 and 1995/3187.
(6) S.I. 1992/1978; the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/3124.
(7) S.I. 1995/3187; to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(8) S.I. 1996/1499; to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations; see also S.I. 1999/1136.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply only to England, amend the Colours in Food Regulations 1995 by bringing up to date a reference to Commission Directive [95/45/EC](#) laying down specific criteria concerning colours for use in foodstuffs (O.J. No. L226, 22.9.95, p. 1), so as to cover its amendment by Commission Directive [1999/75/EC](#) (O.J. No. L206, 5.8.1999, p. 19), which changed the specification for “E160a(i) Mixed Carotenes”, and by bringing up to date references to the 1995 Regulations in other Regulations.

No regulatory impact assessment has been prepared in relation to these Regulations.