1988 No. 471

FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling

Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

Made . . . . . *31st December 1987*

Coming into operation . . *15th February 1988*

The Department of Health and Social Services(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 4, 7 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with section 68(2) of that Act with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987, and shall come into operation on 15th February 1988.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**c**).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. The principal regulations are hereby amended—

(*a*) by substituting for regulation 5(2) the following paragraphs—

"(2) Save as hereinafter provided, no food specially prepared for babies and young children, tea (whether in leaf or essence form), coffee, coffee product, condensed milk or dried milk sold for human consumption shall have in it or on it any added colouring matter.

(2A) Nothing in the preceding paragraph shall prohibit the presence in food specially prepared for babies and young children of any of the vitamin sources Riboflavin or Lactoflavin E101, Riboflavin-5′-phosphate and beta-carotene E160(*a*) which complies with the specific purity criteria specified in relation thereto in Part II of Schedule 1 and with the general purity criteria specified in Part III of that Schedule.";

(**a**) *See* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 art. 5 and Sch. 2 Part I

(**b**) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)

(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 466; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1975 No. 283, S.R. 1976 No. 382 and S.R. 1979 No. 49

(*b*) by deleting from the table in Part I of Schedule 1 (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 colouring matter Yellow 2G;

(*c*) by deleting the final entry in each of columns 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 3 (which specifies colouring matters permitted only in certain foods) namely, the words "Citrus fruit", "Methyl Violet" and "For marking only" respectively;

(*d*) by deleting from—

(i) regulation 3, the words ", consignment or delivery as the case may be,",

(ii) regulation 3(*b*), the words ", consigned or delivered, as the case may be,",

(iii) regulations 4(1), (2), (3), 5(1) and 6(1), the words ", consigned or delivered",

(iv) regulation 4(4), 5(3), 6(2), 7(1) and 8, the words ", consign, deliver",

(v) regulation 7(2), the words ", consign or deliver", and

(vi) regulation 15(2), the words ", consignment, delivery".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 31st December 1987.

(L.S.) *Z. I. Davies*
Under Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations come into operation on 15th February 1988. They further amend the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 by—

(*a*) prohibiting the presence in food specially prepared for babies and young children of added colouring matter other than the vitamin sources Riboflavin or Lactoflavin E101, Riboflavin-5′- phosphate and beta-carotene E160(*a*) which comply with prescribed purity criteria (regulation 2(*a*));

(*b*) removing Yellow 2G from the list of colouring matters permitted in or on food (regulation 2(*b*));

(*c*) revoking the permission for citrus fruit to be marked with Methyl Violet (regulation 2(*c*));

(*d*) removing references to a prohibition on the consignment or delivery of any product, the composition of which contravenes the principal regulations, to ensure that any person who transports those products is not liable to prosecution for such contravention (regulation 2(*d*)).

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This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.