EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Scheme but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This amendment to the Poultry Breeding Scheme changes the period for which participating poultry breeders are required to record the laying of pullets, when one year's laying has not been completed, from 500 days to 475 days.

1961. No. 110 [C]

FOOD AND DRUGS

Fluorine in Food

Composition

REGULATIONS, DATED 3RD MAY, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS 4 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections 4 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland), 1958(**a**), having consulted with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Fluorine in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1961, and shall come into operation on the 22nd day of May, 1961.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland), 1958;

"acidic phosphate" means any acidic substance derived from any ortho-, pyro- or poly-phosphoric acid or from any combination of two or more of any such acids;

"food" means food intended for sale for human consumption;

"sell" includes expose or offer for sale or have in possession for sale; and "sale" shall be construed accordingly.

Maximum fluorine content

3.—(1) No food specified in the first column of the following table shall contain any fluorine in a proportion by weight exceeding that specified in relation thereto in the second column of that table:—

(**a**) 1958. c. 27.

Food	*Maximum Fluorine Content (expressed in terms of parts per million)*
1. Self-raising flour or any similar mixture (not included in item 2 below) containing a farinaceous substance and an acidic phosphate.	3
2. Baking powder, including golden raising powder.	15
3. Any article or substance (not included in any of the foregoing items) used as an ingredient in the preparation of food and consisting wholly or partly of an acidic phosphate.	30 (of the acidic phosphates present)

(2) No person shall sell, consign or deliver any food to which paragraph (1) applies which does not comply with the provisions of that paragraph.

Application of Section 9 of Act

4. Where any food is certified by a public analyst as being food which it is an offence against regulation 3 to sell, consign or deliver, that food may be treated for the purposes of section 9 of the Act (under which food may be seized and destroyed on the order of a justice of the peace) as being unfit for human consumption.

Penalties

5. If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these regulations he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction—

(*a*) to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment; and

(*b*) in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

Legal Proceedings—Application of Act

6. In any prosecution for an offence under these regulations the relevant provisions of Sections 46, 48, 50 and 53 of the Act shall apply.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.)

W. J. Morgan,
Minister of Health and Local Government.