STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1039

FOOD AND DRUGS

COMPOSITION

The Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations 1969

Made - - - -	*28th July* 1969
Laid before Parliament	*6th August* 1969
Coming into Operation	*1st December* 1969

The Secretary of State for Social Services and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food acting jointly, in exercise of their powers under sections 4 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:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1969.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of the Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations 1967

3. For regulation 4 of the Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations 1967(c) (subjection of food to irradiation) there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"4. No person shall in the preparation of any food subject it to ionising radiation:

Provided that this regulation shall not prohibit the subjection of food to not more than 10 rad of ionising radiation where the energy of the radiation delivered does not exceed 5,000,000 electron volts, or the subjection to ionising radiation of any food—

(*a*) which is certified by a registered medical practitioner to be intended for consumption by patients who require a sterile diet as an essential factor in their treatment; and

(*b*) in respect of which the person who subjects it to ionising radiation so notifies the Department of Health and Social Security and keeps records which contain particulars of—

(i) the certification mentioned in paragraph (*a*),

(ii) the food so subjected,

(iii) the quantity of radiation to which it has been subjected and

(iv) the despatch of the food."

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1967/385 (1967 I, p. 1291).

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 28th July 1969.

(L.S.)

Cledwyn Hughes,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

R. H. S. Crossman,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

28th July 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

The Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations 1967 prohibit, subject to one exception, the application of ionising radiation to food intended for sale for human consumption. These regulations make a further exception, to permit the irradiation of food for patients who are certified by a registered medical practitioner to require a sterile diet as an essential factor in their treatment.