STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 205

FOOD AND DRUGS

The Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations 1972

Made - - - -	16*th February* 1972
Laid before Parliament	28*th February* 1972
Coming into Operation	1*st April* 1972

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Social Services acting jointly, in exercise of their powers under sections 4 and 123 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955**(a)** as read with the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968**(b)** and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by the regulations hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1972.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act 1889**(c)** shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Amendment of the Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations 1967 *as amended*

3. For regulation 4 of the Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations 1967**(d)** as amended **(e)** (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 50 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

(a) 1955 c. 16. (4 & 5 Eliz. 2).
(b) S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585).
(c) 1889 c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1967/385 (1967 I, p. 1291).
(e) S.I. 1969/1039 (1969 II, p. 3075).

(*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."

4. The Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations 1969 are hereby revoked.

In witness whereof the official seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 16th February 1972.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Keith Joseph,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

14th February 1972.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations 1967, as amended by the Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations 1969, by increasing the low level of irradiation that is permitted under the regulations from 10 rad to 50 rad.

These regulations also revoke the Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations 1969.

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