2. The first day of January, 1956, is hereby appointed as the day on which the Food and Drugs Amendment Act, 1954, with the exception of section 28 thereof (which came into operation on the 25th day of November, 1954), shall come into operation.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this sixteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

D. Heathcoat Amory,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order brings the Food and Drugs Amendment Act, 1954, into operation on 1st January, 1956 (with the exception of section 28 which came into operation on 25th November, 1954).

The Food and Drugs Act, 1955, will come into operation as a consequence of the coming into operation of the 1954 Act, on the same day and immediately after the 1954 Act comes into operation. The 1955 Act is a consolidation measure; it repeals the 1954 Act and consolidates it together with the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, the Food and Drugs (Milk, Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950, and certain other enactments amending and supplementing Part V of the 1938 Act in relation to slaughterhouses and knackers' yards.

COMPOSITION

1955 No. 1899

The Food Standards (Butter and Margarine) Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	16*th December*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	21*st December*, 1955
Coming into Operation	1*st January*, 1956

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Health acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 4 and 123 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955(a), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf, having consulted with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1956; and may be cited as the Food Standards (Butter and Margarine) Regulations, 1955.

(2) These Regulations shall be construed as one with the Food Standards (General Provisions) Order, 1944(b) as amended (c), and for this purpose the reference in paragraph (1) of Article 1 of that Order, as amended, to Regulation 2 of the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943, shall be construed as a reference to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) S.R. & O. 1944/42 (1944 II, p. 505).
(c) S.R. & O. 1944/654 (1944 II, p. 508).

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"Butter" means the substance usually known as butter made exclusively from milk with or without salt and with or without the addition of colouring matter.

"Margarine" means the food usually known as margarine being an emulsion of edible oils and fats with water or skimmed milk or other substances, with or without the addition of colouring matter, which is capable of being used for the same purposes as butter.

"Ministers" means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Health acting jointly.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), applies for the interpretation of these Regulations and the Food Standards (General Provisions) Order, 1944, as amended, construed as one, as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, the Ministers hereby prescribe—

(*a*) that the standard for butter as respects any water contained therein shall be as follows, that is to say; butter shall not contain more than 16 per cent. of water;

(*b*) that the standard for margarine as respects any water contained therein and as respects the fat content thereof shall be as follows, that is to say:—

(i) margarine shall not contain more than 16 per cent. of water;

(ii) the fat content of margarine shall not contain more than 10 per cent. of fat derived from milk.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this sixteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

D. Heathcoat Amory,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Health this sixteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

Iain Macleod,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These Regulations, which should be read with the Food Standards (General Provisions) Order, 1944, as amended (now having effect as if contained in regulations made under section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955) prescribe standards for butter and margarine similar to those previously contained in section 32 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.