STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1972 No. 1843

# FOOD AND DRUGS

## COMPOSITION

# The Lead in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1972

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| *Made* - - - | 30*th November* 1972 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | 8*th December* 1972 |
| *Coming into Operation* | 1*st January* 1973 |

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Social Services, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by 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 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, commencement and interpretation*

**1.**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Lead in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1972, and shall come into operation on 1st January 1973.

(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.

*Amendment of principal regulations*

**2.** The Lead in Food Regulations 1961(**d**), as amended(**e**), shall be further amended as follows:—

(*a*) by inserting after regulation 3 thereof the following regulation:—

"3A. Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 3 hereof, no person shall sell, consign or deliver, or import into England and Wales any food which is described directly or by implication as specially prepared for babies or young children if it contains any lead in any proportion exceeding 0·5 parts per million (estimated by weight) of that food, so however that in the case of any such food which is in a dried, dehydrated or concentrated state and which when sold, consigned, delivered or imported into England and Wales, as the case may be, bears on the container thereof clear and conspicuous instructions by the manufacturer as to the manner and quantities in which it is to be reconstituted or mixed with liquid before being consumed, the proportion of lead in the food shall be estimated by weight in relation to the food after it has been recon-

(**a**) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16.
(**b**) S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585).
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.
(**d**) S.I. 1961/1931 (1961 III, p. 3631).
(**e**) There is no amendment which relates expressly to the subject matter of these regulations.

stituted or mixed in accordance with those instructions.";

(*b*) by substituting in regulation 4 thereof for the word and figure "regulation 3" the words and figures "regulation 3 or 3A";

(*c*) by substituting in the proviso to regulation 5(2) thereof for the word and figure "regulation 3" the words and figures "regulations 3 and 3A".

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 27th November 1972.

(L.S.)

*Joseph Godber,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

30th November 1972.

*Keith Joseph*
Secretary of State for Social Services.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These amending regulations, which come into force on 1st January 1973, restrict to 0·5 parts per million the amount of lead which may be present in food specially prepared for consumption by babies and young children.