STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 1906 (S.151)

FOOD AND DRUGS

COMPOSITION

The Lead in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1972

Made - - -	*4th December* 1972
Laid before Parliament	*13th December* 1972
Coming into Operation	*1st January* 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sections 4 and 56 of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Act 1956(**a**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and after consultation with such organisations as appear to me to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, I hereby make the following regulations:—

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

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

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

(*a*) by inserting after regulation 4 thereof the following regulation:—

"4A. Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 4 hereof, no person shall sell, consign or deliver, or import into Scotland 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 Scotland, 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 reconstituted or mixed in accordance with these instructions.";

(*b*) by substituting in regulation 5 thereof for the word and figure "regulation 4" the words and figures "regulation 4 or 4A";

(**a**) 1956 c. 30. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.
(**c**) S.I. 1961/1942 (1961 III, p. 3650).
(**d**) S.I. 1966/1384, 1967/1203 (1966 III, p. 3715; 1967 II, p. 3526).

Gordon Campbell,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

4th December 1972.

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.

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