1964 No. 19

FOOD AND DRUGS

COMPOSITION

The Meat (Treatment) Regulations 1964

Made - - - -	10*th January* 1964
Laid before Parliament	16*th January* 1964
Coming into Operation	23*rd January* 1964

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Health acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by 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 Meat (Treatment) Regulations 1964; and shall come into operation on 23rd January 1964.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

" the Act " means the Food and Drugs Act 1955;

" animal " does not include bird or fish;

" food and drugs authority " has the meaning assigned to it by section 83 of the Act;

" human consumption " includes use in the preparation of food for human consumption;

" meat " means the flesh or other part of any animal which is intended for sale for human consumption;

" processed ", in relation to meat, includes curing by smoking and any treatment or process resulting in a substantial change in the natural state of the meat but does not include boning, paring, grinding, cutting, cleaning or trimming; and " unprocessed " shall be construed accordingly;

" sell " includes offer or expose for sale or have in possession for sale;

" specified substance " means any substance specified in the Schedule to these regulations.

(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.

Sale etc. of raw meat containing any added specified substance

3.—(1) No raw and unprocessed meat shall contain any added specified substance.

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(2) No person shall sell, consign or deliver any raw and unprocessed meat which contains any added specified substance.

Condemnation of meat

4. Where any meat is certified by a public analyst as being meat which it is an offence against regulation 3 hereof to sell, consign or deliver, that meat may be treated for the purposes of section 9 of the Act (under which food may be seized and destroyed on the order of a justice of the peace) as being unfit for human consumption.

Penalties and enforcement

5.—(1) If any person contravenes the provisions of regulation 3 of these regulations he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both, and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

(2) Each food and drugs authority shall enforce and execute such provisions in their area.

Application of various sections of the Act

6.—(1) Sections 108(3) and (4) (which relate to prosecution), 110(1) and (3) (which relate to evidence of analysis), 112 (which relates to the power of a court to require analysis by the Government Chemist), 113 (which relates to a contravention due to some person other than the person charged), 115(2) (which relates to the conditions under which a warranty may be pleaded as a defence) and 116 (which relates to offences in relation to warranties and certificates of analysis) of the Act shall apply for the purposes of these regulations as if references therein to proceedings, or a prosecution, under or taken or brought under the Act included references to proceedings, or a prosecution as the case may be, taken or brought for an offence under these regulations and as if the reference in the said section 112 to subsection (4) of section 108 included a reference to that subsection as applied by these regulations.

(2) Paragraph (*b*) of the proviso to section 108(1) of the Act shall apply for the purposes of these regulations as if the reference therein to section 116 of the Act included a reference to that section as applied by these regulations.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 9th January 1964.

(L.S.)

Christopher Soames,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Health on 10th January 1964.

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Anthony Barber,
Minister of Health.

Regulation 3

SCHEDULE

SPECIFIED SUBSTANCES

Ascorbic acid.
Erythorbic acid.
Nicotinic acid.
Nicotinamide.
Any salt or other derivative of any of the above mentioned substances.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, which apply to England and Wales only, make it an offence to sell, consign or deliver any raw and unprocessed meat intended for sale for human consumption which contains any added substance of a kind specified in the Schedule to the regulations.