The Ministry of Agriculture hereby concurs with the foregoing regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 10th day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.) *H. W. West,*
Minister of Agriculture.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The standards for "double", "thick", "whipping" and "single" cream prescribed in these regulations are the same as those in the Sale of Cream Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957. The standards for "cream", "pouring cream", "coffee cream", "fruit cream" and "sterilised cream" prescribed in these regulations are the same as those in the Food Standards (Cream) Order, 1951, formerly in force in Northern Ireland and made under the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943. The 1957 regulations which are now being revoked were made under the Sale of Cream Act (Northern Ireland), 1957, which was repealed by the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland), 1958. The Food Standards (Cream) Order, 1951, lapsed in Northern Ireland in 1956 on the repeal of the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943.

1962. No. 93 **[C]**

FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling

Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Milk

REGULATIONS, DATED 10TH MAY, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS 20 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections 20 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland), 1958(**a**), having consulted with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Milk (Emulsifiers and Stabilisers) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into operation on the 16th day of July, 1962.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations—

(**a**) 1958. c. 27.

"emulsifier" and "stabiliser" mean respectively any substance, other than a natural food substance, which is capable—

(*a*) in the case of an emulsifier, of aiding the formation of, and

(*b*) in the case of a stabiliser, of maintaining,

the uniform dispersion of two or more immiscible substances, but do not in either case include agar, alginic acid, calcium alginate, sodium alginate, carrageen, edible gums, dextrin, pectin, calcium pectate, sodium pectate, calcium chloride, calcium lactate, lecithin, quillaia, proteins (whether hydrolysed or not), calcium caseinate, sodium caseinate, starches (whether modified or not), malt extract, sorbitol, or the sodium or potassium salts of any of the following, that is to say, acetic acid, carbonic acid, citric acid, lactic acid, malic acid, phosphoric acid, polyphosphoric acid or tartaric acid;

"milk" means milk intended for sale or sold for human consumption, or intended for manufacture into products for sale for human consumption, and includes skimmed milk, but does not include cream, dried milk or condensed milk;

"natural food substance" means any substance, suitable for use as food and commonly used as food, which is wholly a natural product, whether or not that substance has been subjected to any process or treatment;

"skimmed milk" includes separated milk or machine-skimmed milk, partly skimmed, separated or machine-skimmed milk and butter milk.

(2) These regulations shall not apply to any milk intended for exportation to any place outside the United Kingdom.

Prohibition of sale of milk containing emulsifiers or stabilisers

3.—(1) No person shall add any emulsifier or any stabiliser to milk.

(2) No person shall sell any milk to which any addition has been made in contravention of paragraph (1) of this regulation.

Penalties

4. If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these regulations he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction—

(*a*) to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment; and

(*b*) 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.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 10th day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.) *Wm. J. Morgan,*
Minister of Health and Local Government.