The Mineral Oil in Food (Amendment) Order, 1950

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In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 2 of the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943(a) as having effect by virtue of the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947(b), and of all other powers him enabling, the Minister of Food hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The Mineral Oil in Food Order, 1949(c), shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) by adding to Article 1 thereof the following definition—

" ' Dried fruit ' means prunes, currants, sultanas and raisins." ;

(*b*) by substituting for paragraph (2) of Article 2 thereof the following paragraph:—

" (2) Nothing in paragraph (1) of this Article shall apply:—

(*a*) in relation to any dried fruit containing not more than 1 part by weight of mineral oil per 100 parts by weight of dried fruit ;

(*b*) where mineral oil contained in any article of food—

(i) is due to the use in the composition of the article of food of dried fruit containing mineral oil, and the article of food contains by reason thereof not more than 1 part by weight of mineral oil per 100 parts by weight of the dried fruit content of the article ;

(ii) is due not to its inclusion as an ingredient in the article of food but to its use as a lubricant or greasing agent on some surface with which the article of food has necessarily to come into contact in the course of its preparation, and the article of food contains by reason thereof not more than 0.2 parts by weight of mineral oil per 100 parts by weight of the article of food.".

2. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1950, and may be cited as the Mineral Oil in Food (Amendment) Order, 1950.

Dated the 26th day of July, 1950.

Maurice Webb,
Minister of Food.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This amending Order provides that the prohibition in the principal Order relating to mineral oil in food shall not apply in relation to dried fruit containing not more than 1 part by weight of mineral oil per 100 parts by weight of dried fruit ; and makes provision as respects articles of food containing mineral oil by reason of the inclusion therein of dried fruit containing mineral oil.

Dried fruit is defined as prunes, currants, sultanas and raisins.

(a) S.R. & O. 1943 (No. 1553) II, p. 70; and 1945 (No. 1454) II, p. 95.
(b) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 10. (c) S.I. 1949 (No. 614) II, p. 14.