# 1955 No. 1901

## The Mineral Oil in Food (Amendment) Regulations, 1955

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| *Made* - - - - | 16*th December*, 1955 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | 21*st December*, 1955 |
| *Coming into Operation* | 1*st January*, 1956 |

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Health acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955(**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, having consulted with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby make the following Regulations:—

**1.** These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1956; and may be cited as the Mineral Oil in Food (Amendment) Regulations, 1955.

**2.** The Mineral Oil in Food Order, 1949(**b**) as amended(**c**), shall be further amended as follows:—

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

"'Chewing compound' means chewing gum and other products of a like nature and use.

'Microcrystalline wax' means a mixture of solid hydrocarbons obtained from any substance of mineral origin which is white to pale amber in colour and is almost tasteless and odourless, has a melting point not below 160° F., has an iodine number not exceeding 4.0 and conforms to the test for sulphur compounds given in the British Pharmacopoeia monograph for liquid paraffin.";

(*b*) by adding to paragraph (2) of Article 2 thereof the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*d*) any chewing compound which contains not more than 12·5 parts by weight of microcrystalline wax per 100 parts by weight of chewing compound and otherwise contains no mineral oil."

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this sixteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Health this sixteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *Iain Macleod,*
Minister of Health.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Mineral Oil in Food Order, 1949, as amended, which, by virtue of section 136 (2) and Part I of the Twelfth Schedule to the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, is continued in force in England and Wales as if contained in regulations made under section 4 of that Act.

(**a**) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (**b**) S.I. 1949/614 (1949 II, p. 14).
(**c**) S.I. 1950/1239, 1954/1044 (1950 III, p. 41; 1954 I, p. 802).

These amending Regulations, having regard to the inclusion of chewing compounds in the definition of "food" in the said Act, provide that the prohibition in the principal Order relating to mineral oil in food shall not apply in relation to chewing compounds which contain not more than 12·5 parts by weight of microcrystalline wax per 100 parts by weight of chewing compound and otherwise contain no mineral oil.

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## FOOD HYGIENE

## 1955 No. 1906

## The Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

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The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Health, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 13 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 and reference to the Food Hygiene Advisory Council under section 82 of the said Act:—

### PART I

### PRELIMINARY

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** These regulations may be cited as the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, and shall come into operation, save in so far as may be otherwise expressly provided by any provision thereof, on the first day of January, 1956.

*Interpretation*

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

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

"agricultural" has the same meaning as in the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947(b);

"business" includes the undertaking of a canteen, club, school, hospital or institution, whether carried on for profit or not, and any undertaking or activity carried on by a public or local authority;

"certificate of exemption", in relation to a food business, means a certificate for the time being in force in relation to the business for the purposes of regulation 31 of these regulations;

"container" includes any basket, pail, tray, package or receptacle of any kind, whether open or closed;

"contamination" includes contamination by odour; and "contaminated" shall be construed accordingly;

"equipment" includes apparatus, furnishings and utensils;

"fish" means uncooked fish (including cured or smoked fish), and includes uncooked whalemeat;

"food" means food intended for sale, or sold, for human consumption and includes drink, chewing gum and other products of a like nature

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 51.