# 1956 No. 1294 (S. 62)

# The Mineral Oil in Food (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956

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| *Made* - - - - | 14*th August*, 1956 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | 21*st August*, 1956 |
| *Coming into Operation* | 1*st September*, 1956 |

In exercise of the powers conferred on 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 having consulted with such organisations as appear to me to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

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

**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."

Dated this 14th day of August, 1956.

*James Stuart*,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

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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 (which prohibits the sale of food containing mineral oil, with certain exceptions) so as to permit the sale of 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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(**a**) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 30. (**b**) S.I. 1949/614 (1949 II, p. 14).
(**c**) S.I. 1950/1239, 1954/1044 (1950 III, p. 41; 1954 I, p. 802).