1953 No. 1820

The Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1953

Made - - - -	10*th December*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	12*th December*, 1953
Coming into Operation	16*th December*, 1953

The Minister of Food and the Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections eight and ninety-two of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938(**a**), and by the Transfer of Functions (Food and Drugs) Order, 1948(**b**), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf, being of the opinion that (in so far as the provisions of these Regulations read with the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1948, restrict the addition of any substance to, or regulate generally the composition of, any food) these Regulations are necessary for preventing danger to health or otherwise for protecting purchasers, and having consulted such representative organisations as appear to them substantially to represent the interests concerned with the purposes of these Regulations, hereby jointly make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 16th day of December, 1953, and may be cited as the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1953.

(2) These Regulations and the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1948, shall be construed together and may be cited together as the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1953.

2. The Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953(**c**), are hereby revoked.

3. The Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925(**d**), as amended(**e**), shall be further amended as follows:—

(*a*) by adding to paragraph (iv) of the proviso to paragraph (1) of Regulation 4 thereof the following sub-paragraphs:—

"(*c*) so as to prohibit the presence in citrus fruit of diphenyl in consequence of its being wrapped outside the United Kingdom in wrappers treated with diphenyl.

(*d*) so as to prohibit the presence in any article of food of diphenyl introduced in the preparation of such article by the use of citrus fruit which contains diphenyl in consequence of its being wrapped outside the United Kingdom in wrappers treated with diphenyl.";

(*b*) by adding to paragraph (iv) of the proviso to paragraph (1) of Regulation 11 thereof the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*c*) so as to prohibit the presence in citrus fruit of diphenyl in consequence of its being wrapped outside the United Kingdom in

(**a**) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 56.
(**b**) S.I. 1948/107; Rev. VIII, p. 142; 1948 I, p. 1966.
(**c**) S.I. 1953/1610.
(**d**) S.R. & O. 1925/775; Rev. VIII, p. 95; 1925, p. 1375.
(**e**) *See* Rev. VIII, p. 95.

wrappers treated with diphenyl; so, however, that this exemption shall not apply as respects citrus fruit in wrappers containing diphenyl in quantities equivalent to more than 40 milligrammes per 100 square inches.";

(*c*) by substituting in the table in Part I of the First Schedule thereto for the figure "40" where it appears in the third column of item 6 (relating to jam) the figure "100";

(*d*) by adding to the said table the following items:—

"Food	Preservative	Parts per Million
18. Dehydrated Vegetables:		
(*a*) Potatoes	Sulphur dioxide	550
(*b*) Runner beans, turnips, spinach, swedes, peas, parsnips, carrots, mixed vegetables.	Sulphur dioxide	2,000
(*c*) Cabbage	Sulphur dioxide	3,000
19. Margarine	Boron preservative (expressed as boric acid).	2,500";

(*e*) by adding to Part I of the First Schedule thereto, immediately after the table therein, the following paragraph:—

"Item 19 in the above table, relating to margarine, shall have effect only during such period as any rationing scheme is in operation for that commodity by virtue of any Order made pursuant to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and two months thereafter.".

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Food this tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

(L.S.) *G. Lloyd-George,*
Minister of Food.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These amending regulations, which re-enact the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953 with the inclusion, as required by law, of an expression of the Ministers' opinion that certain provisions are necessary for preventing danger to health or otherwise for protecting purchasers, provide for the sale and importation of certain specified dehydrated vegetables which contain sulphur dioxide within prescribed limits, increase the maximum permitted sulphur dioxide content of jam, permit the presence of diphenyl in citrus fruit imported in wrappers treated with diphenyl and, for a limited period, the addition of borax to margarine.