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### **SALE OF FOOD ACT (CHAPTER 283)**

#### **FOOD (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 56(1) of the Sale of Food Act, the Minister for National Development makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Food (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and come into operation on 1 April 2017.

#### **Amendment of regulation 9A**

2. Regulation 9A of the Food Regulations (Rg 1) is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraphs:

“(3) In the case of prepacked foods that have added to it barley beta-glucan and meet the criteria in paragraph (4), the following claim may be made in a label:

“Barley beta-glucans have been shown to lower/reduce blood cholesterol. High blood cholesterol is a risk factor in the development of coronary heart disease.”.

(4) The criteria mentioned in paragraph (3) are —

(a) the cholesterol, saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids present in the food are within the following levels:

(i) in the case of solid food —

(A) not more than 20 mg of cholesterol per 100 g;

(B) not more than 1.5 g of saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids per 100 g; and

- (C) not more than 10% of kilocalories from saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids;
- (ii) in the case of liquid food —
  - (A) not more than 10 mg of cholesterol per 100 ml;
  - (B) not more than 0.75 g of saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids per 100 ml; and
  - (C) not more than 10% of kilocalories from saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids; and
- (b) the label of the food must contain —
  - (i) a statement or statements to the like effect that consumption of at least 3 g of barley beta-glucans in a day has been shown to lower blood cholesterol levels; and
  - (ii) a nutrition information panel in the form specified in the Twelfth Schedule or in such other similar form as may be acceptable to the Director-General, specifying the amounts of barley beta-glucan, cholesterol, saturated fatty acids and trans fatty acids, contained in the food.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 11**

3. Regulation 11(3) of the Food Regulations is amended by deleting the words “Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, no label” and substituting the words “No label”.

### **Amendment of regulation 21**

4. Regulation 21 of the Food Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

“(3A) Quillaia extracts (Type I, II or both) may be used only in —

- (a) soft drinks, at a level not exceeding 50 ppm (calculated as saponins); and
- (b) alcoholic beverages, at a level not exceeding 40 ppm (calculated as saponins).”.

### **Amendment of regulation 23**

5. Regulation 23(2) of the Food Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (c); and
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (d) and substituting the word “; and”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(e) L-theanine in the following foods at a level not exceeding 1000 ppm:

- (i) brewed tea;
- (ii) soft drinks;
- (iii) chocolate;
- (iv) chocolate confectionery;
- (v) sugar confectionery.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 28**

6. Regulation 28 of the Food Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (6) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(6) Triethyl citrate may be used as a whipping agent in the following foods, at a level not exceeding 2500 ppm:

- (a) liquid egg products;
- (b) dried egg products, whether or not heat coagulated;
- (c) heat coagulated egg products.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 31**

7. Regulation 31 of the Food Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

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“(2A) A person must not import, sell, advertise, manufacture, consign or deliver any polished rice containing inorganic arsenic in excess of 0.2 ppm.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 86**

8. Regulation 86 of the Food Regulations is amended by deleting the words “0.916 and not more than 0.921” in paragraph (a) and substituting the words “0.915 and not more than 0.924”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 88**

9. Regulation 88 of the Food Regulations is amended by deleting “125” in paragraph (c) and substituting “118”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 91**

10. Regulation 91(2) of the Food Regulations is amended by deleting the word “Margarine” and substituting the words “Despite regulation 11(4), margarine”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 168**

11. Regulation 168(1) of the Food Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (g).

#### **Amendment of regulation 227**

12. Regulation 227 of the Food Regulations is amended by deleting the words “may contain sulphur dioxide as a preservative and”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 250A**

13. Regulation 250A(2) of the Food Regulations is amended by deleting the words “saturated fat” in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting in each case the words “saturated fatty acids”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 252**

14. Regulation 252(6) of the Food Regulations is amended by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (e) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(f) Beta-palmitin, with at least 52% of total palmitic acid esterified at the beta position, in an amount not exceeding 80% of the total fat content of infant formula.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 260**

**15.** Regulation 260(1) of the Food Regulations is amended by deleting the word “kilograms” in sub-paragraph (c) and substituting the words “grams or kilograms, as appropriate”.

### **Amendment of Part I of Fourth Schedule**

**16.** Part I of the Fourth Schedule to the Food Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Flour intended for use in the manufacture of biscuits” under the heading “Selected Foods” and substituting the words “Flour, all types”;
- (b) by deleting the item “Ginger, dry root” and its corresponding entry;
- (c) by inserting, corresponding to the item “Hamburgers and similar products”, the following entry in the appropriate column as shown:

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hamburgers and similar products					2,500		

”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the item “Hamburgers and similar products”, the following item and its corresponding entry in the appropriate column as shown:

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Herbs and spices	150						

”;

- (e) by inserting, corresponding to the item “Meat, canned, cured, pickled, salted or smoked whether cooked or uncooked”, the following entry in the appropriate column as shown: