STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 257

FOOD

Sweeteners in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*28th April 2003*
Coming into operation	*2nd June 2003*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1)(a) and (e), 16(1), 25(1) and (3), 26(3) and 47(2) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to, the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, having had regard in accordance with Article 47(3A) of the said Order to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency, and after consultation as required by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety(**3**), and in accordance with Article 47(3) and (3B) of the said Order, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sweeteners in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 2nd June 2003.

Amendments to the Sweeteners in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

2.—(1) The Sweeteners in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**4**) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In paragraph (1) of regulation 2 (interpretation), for the definition of "permitted sweetener" there shall be substituted the following definition –

> ""permitted sweetener" means the sweetener salt of aspartame–acesulfame so far as it satisfies the purity criteria for it set out at pages 19 to 21 of the Food and Agriculture Organisation's Compendium of Food Additives Specifications Addendum 8 (2000) FAO Food and Nutrition

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services: *see*S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)
(**2**) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7) as amended by S.I. 1996/1633 (N.I. 12) and paragraphs 26 to 42 of Schedule 5 and Schedule 6 to the Food Standards Act 1999 c. 28
(**3**) O.J. No. L31, 1.2.2002, p. 1
(**4**) S.R. 1996 No. 48; the relevant amending Regulations are S.R.1997 No.257 and S.R.1999 No. 216