1988 No. 471

FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling

Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

Made . . . . . *31st December 1987*

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The Department of Health and Social Services(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 4, 7 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with section 68(2) of that Act with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987, and shall come into operation on 15th February 1988.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**c**).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. The principal regulations are hereby amended—

(*a*) by substituting for regulation 5(2) the following paragraphs—

"(2) Save as hereinafter provided, no food specially prepared for babies and young children, tea (whether in leaf or essence form), coffee, coffee product, condensed milk or dried milk sold for human consumption shall have in it or on it any added colouring matter.

(2A) Nothing in the preceding paragraph shall prohibit the presence in food specially prepared for babies and young children of any of the vitamin sources Riboflavin or Lactoflavin E101, Riboflavin-5′-phosphate and beta-carotene E160(*a*) which complies with the specific purity criteria specified in relation thereto in Part II of Schedule 1 and with the general purity criteria specified in Part III of that Schedule.";

(**a**) *See* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 art. 5 and Sch. 2 Part I

(**b**) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)

(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 466; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1975 No. 283, S.R. 1976 No. 382 and S.R. 1979 No. 49