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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling Preservatives in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

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The Department of Health and Social Services(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 4, 7, 68 and 68A(**b**) of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with section 68(2) 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 Preservatives in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1982.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Preservatives in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980(**d**).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. Regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations shall be amended—

(*a*) by inserting after the definition of "fruit spread" the following definition:—

"'hermetically sealed container" means a sealed container which is airtight and impermeable to gases;';

(*b*) by substituting for the definitions of "sausage" and "sausage meat" the following definition:—

"'sausage" does not include any cured meat product which has been acidified or fermented;';

(*c*) by inserting after the definition of "specified sugar product" the following definition:—

"'sterile pack" means a hermetically sealed container which has been sufficiently heat processed to destroy any *Clostridium botulinum* in the container or in any food which is in the container;'.

3. The proviso to regulation 4(1) of the principal regulations shall be amended—

(*a*) by substituting for sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (*b*) the following sub-paragraph:—

"(i) in the case of candied peel or cut and drained (syruped) peel, fruit spread, sambal oelek, concentrated snack meals with a moisture content of not less than 15% and not more than 60%, soup concentrates with a moisture

(**a**) *See* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 art. 5 and Sch. 2 Part I and 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8
(**b**) Added by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 363
(**c**) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)
(**d**) S.R. 1980 No. 28, amended by S.R. 1980 No. 380 and S.R. 1982 No. 105

content of not less than 25% and not more than 60%, wine (including alcoholic cordials) other than wine in respect of which the maximum permitted sulphur dioxide content is prescribed by any Community regulation or wine in respect of which the maximum permitted sulphur dioxide content is prescribed by any Community regulation, to the maximum quantity of each such preservative appropriate thereto in accordance with that Schedule;";

(*b*) by inserting after sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (*b*) the following sub-paragraph:—

"(ivA) In the case of cheese (other than Cheddar, Cheshire, Grana-padano or Provolone type cheeses or soft cheese) or cured meat, in accordance with the appropriate provisions of that Schedule;".

4. Regulation 5 of the principal regulations shall be amended—

(*a*) by substituting for the word "Nothing" at the beginning of the regulation the words "Subject to regulation 6A, nothing";

(*b*) by inserting after the words "specified food" in paragraph (iii) of the proviso the words "other than a cured meat product".

5. The following regulation shall be inserted after regulation 6 of the principal regulations:—

"Food for babies and young children

6A. A person shall not sell any food that is specially prepared for babies or young children if it has in it or on it any added sodium nitrate or sodium nitrite.".

6. Schedule 2 to the principal regulations shall be amended—

(*a*) by substituting for the entries in columns 2 and 3 of the item relating to candied peel or cut and drained (syruped) peel the following entries:—

In column 2 *(Permitted Preservative)*	In column 3 *(Milligrams per kilogram not exceeding –)*
"Sulphur dioxide and sorbic acid	100 1,000";

(*b*) by substituting for the entries in columns 2 and 3 of the item relating to cheese, other than Cheddar, Cheshire, Grana-padano or Provolone type cheeses or soft cheese the following entries:—

In column 2 *(Permitted Preservative)*	In column 3 *(Milligrams per kilogram not exceeding –)*
"Sodium nitrate and sodium nitrite	50, of which not more than 5 may be sodium nitrite, expressed in both cases as sodium nitrite";