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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling

Preservatives in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 13*th May* 1977
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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 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) 1977 and shall come into operation on 4th July 1977.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Preservatives in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(d), as amended(e).

Amendment of principal regulations

2.—(1) Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations shall be amended—

(*a*) by inserting in column 4 in relation to sodium salt of methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate the serial number "E 219" and in relation to potassium nitrite the serial number "E 249";

(*b*) by inserting in column 3 immediately after calcium propionate, as part of the item relating to the alternative forms in which propionic acid may be used, the entry "Potassium propionate" and in column 4, in relation thereto, the serial number "E 283".

(2) Part II of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations shall be amended—

(*a*) by substituting for the item referring to the specific purity criteria applicable to E 218 methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate the following item:—

"*E* 218 *Methyl* 4-*hydroxybenzoate*

Synonym Methyl *para*-hydroxybenzoate

The specific purity criteria for methyl *p*-hydroxybenzoate contained in Directive 65/66/EEC of the Council(f), as amended by Directive 76/463/EEC of the Council(g).";

(*b*) by substituting for the item referring to the specific purity criteria applicable to sodium salt of methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate the following item:—

(a) See S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 (p. 937) 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 (p. 1767)
(c) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)
(d) S.R. 1975 No. 277 (II, p. 1291)
(e) S.R. 1976 No. 165, S.R. 1976 No. 357 and S.R. 1976 No. 368
(f) OJ No. 22, 9.2.65, p. 373 (OJ/SE 1965-1966, p. 25)
(g) OJ No. L126, 14.5.76 p. 33