**1977 No. 52**

# AGRICULTURE

## The Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

*Made* . . . . . 3*rd March* 1977

*Coming into operation* . . . 1*st April* 1977

The Department(**a**) of Agriculture, after consultation with such persons or organisations as appear to it to represent the interests concerned, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 66(1), 68(1), 69(1), 74A (inserted by section 4(1) of, and paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to, the European Communities Act 1972(**b**)), 84 and 86 of the Agriculture Act 1970(**c**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

**1.**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1977.

(2) In these regulations,—

"the Act" means the Agriculture Act 1970, as amended by section 4(1) of, and paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to, the European Communities Act 1972;

"the principal regulations" means the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**d**) as amended by the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**e**).

(3) Any reference to a numbered section shall, unless the reference is to a section of a specified Act, be construed as a reference to the section bearing that number in the Act.

(4) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**f**) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

*Amendment of the principal regulations*

**2.**—(1) In regulation 6(1)(*a*) "or" in line five shall be deleted and there shall be inserted immediately after "Schedule 3" in line seven "or any added preservative".

(2) In Part II of Schedule 2—

(*a*) For paragraph 1(*b*) there shall be substituted:—

"(*b*) Any antioxidant, colourant or preservative, either the words "contains permitted antioxidant", "contains permitted colourant" or "contains permitted preservative" as appropriate, or the name of the antioxidant, colourant or preservative;";

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1972 c. 68
(**c**) 1970 c. 40
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 494 (II, p. 2862)
(**e**) S.R. 1976 No. 255
(**f**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(*b*) Paragraph 1(*e*) shall be deleted;

(*c*) In paragraph 4 the prescribed meaning for "preservative" shall be deleted.

(3) In Schedule 3—

(*a*) In paragraph 1 between the prescribed meanings for "emulsifier" and "stabiliser" there shall be inserted:—

" "preservative" means any substance which delays, retards or prevents the development in a feeding stuff of rancidity or other deterioration arising from microbial activity but excludes any antioxidant, colourant, emulsifier, stabiliser or binder permitted under these regulations;";

(*b*) For paragraph 2(*a*) there shall be substituted:—

"any added antioxidant other than an antioxidant of a name or description specified in Part I of the table nor any added antioxidant of a name or description so specified in proportions which, taking account of any such antioxidant which is naturally present, exceed those specified in the second column;";

(*c*) After paragraph 2(*g*) there shall be inserted:—

"(*h*) any added preservative other than a preservative of a name or description specified in Part VII of the table;";

(*d*) For Part I of the table there shall be substituted Schedule 1;

(*e*) For Part III of the table there shall be substituted Schedule 2;

(*f*) For Chapter B of Part IV of the table there shall be substituted Schedule 3;

(g) Schedule 4 shall be added as Part VII of the table.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 3rd day of March 1977.

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SCHEDULE 1

**(Section 74A and Regulation 2(3)(*d*))**

PART I

PERMITTED ANTIOXIDANTS

| *Name or Description* | *Maximum content (mg/kg in whole feeding stuff)* |
|---|---|
| L-Ascorbic acid | |
| Sodium L-ascorbate | |
| Calcium L-ascorbate | |
| 5, 6-diacetyl-L-ascorbic acid | |
| 6-palmityl-L-ascorbic acid | |
| Tocopherol-rich extracts of natural origin | |
| Synthetic *alpha*-tocopherol | |
| Synthetic *gamma*-tocopherol | |
| Synthetic *delta*-tocopherol | |
| Octyl gallate | 100: alone or together |
| Dodecyl gallate | |
| Propyl gallate | |
| Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) | 150: alone or together |
| Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) | |
| Ethoxyquin | |