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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling

Preservatives in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

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The Department(**a**) of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 4, 7, 68 and 68A of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**b**) 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) 1976 and shall come into operation on 10th January 1977.

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

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.—(1) The proviso to regulation 4(1) shall be amended—

(*a*) by inserting after sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (*b*) the following sub-paragraph (iiiA):—

"(iiiA) in the case of marinated herring, whose pH exceeds 4.5, or marinated mackerel, whose pH exceeds 4.5, if the permitted preservative hexamine is present, to the maximum quantity of that preservative appropriate to that food in accordance with that Schedule and, as regards any other such permitted preservative present, only if, when the quantity of each such preservative is expressed as a percentage of the maximum quantity appropriate to that food in accordance with that Schedule, the sum of those percentages does not exceed one hundred;";

(*b*) by inserting after paragraph (*g*) the following paragraph (*h*):—

"(*h*) any food may have in it or on it formaldehyde introduced in the preparation of that food by the use of the permitted miscellaneous additive dimethylpolysiloxane if that formaldehyde is present in the food in no greater proportion, in relation to the quantity of dimethylpolysiloxane used, than the proportion specified in relation to dimethylpolysiloxane in paragraph (*e*) of this proviso.".

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8
(**b**) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.R. 1975 No. 277 (II, p. 1291)
(**d**) S.R. 1976 No. 165 and S.R. 1976 No. 357