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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition

Lead in Food

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH DECEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTIONS 4 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 4 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a), having consulted with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Lead in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972, and shall come into operation on 1st January 1973.

Amendment of principal regulations

2. The Lead in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(b), shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) by inserting after regulation 3 the following regulation:—

"**3A.** Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 3, no person shall sell, consign or deliver any food which is described directly or by implication as specially prepared for babies or young children if it contains any lead in any proportion exceeding 0·5 parts per million (estimated by weight) of that food, so however that in the case of any such food which is in a dried, dehydrated or concentrated state and which when sold, consigned or delivered bears on the container thereof clear and conspicuous instructions by the manufacturer as to the manner and quantities in which it is to be reconstituted or mixed with liquid before being consumed, the proportion of lead in the food shall be estimated by weight in relation to the food after it has been reconstituted or mixed in accordance with those instructions.";

(*b*) by substituting in regulation 4 for the word and figure "regulation 3" the words and figures "regulation 3 or 3A".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 18th day of December 1972.

(L.S.)

S. E. Taylor,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1958. c. 27.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 208.