EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations supersede the provisions for Saccharin Tablets in the Food Standards (Miscellaneous Foods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960 and the Artificial Sweeteners in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960.

The principal changes are:—

(*a*) those artificial sweeteners which may be sold for human consumption and which may be used in food intended for sale for human consumption are specified (regulations 2(1), 5, 10, and Schedule 1);

(*b*) requirements are laid down as to the composition of artificial sweetening tablets containing permitted artificial sweeteners (regulation 6 and Schedule 2), and the names by which they are to be described on labels are prescribed (regulation 7);

(*c*) the definitions of "sweetened" in the Lead in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961 and the Preservatives in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962 are amended (regulations 13 and 14); and

(*d*) the regulations provide that where any food is certified by a public analyst as containing any artificial sweetener not permitted by the regulations, that food may be treated for the purposes of section 9 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 as being unfit for human consumption (regulation 11).

The regulations do not apply to any food or artificial sweetener intended for export (regulation 3).

These regulations come into operation on 9th August 1967, except regulations 10, 15 and 16 which come into operation on 1st December 1967. Until the amendment by regulation 15 and the revocation by regulation 16 of the Food Standards (Miscellaneous Foods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960 and the Artificial Sweeteners in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960 respectively, certain artificial sweeteners are exempt from the requirements of these regulations provided they comply with the provisions of those regulations (regulation 4), and until that date the restrictions of the Artificial Sweeteners in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960 on the use of artificial sweeteners in food continue to apply.

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POULTRY

REGULATIONS, DATED 10TH AUGUST 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE POULTRY HATCHERIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1950.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Poultry Hatcheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(a), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

(a) 1950. c. 18.