(*c*) in proviso (*c*) to paragraph 2 for the words 'or regulation 29 or such voluntary contributions as are referred to in sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (2) of regulation 30' and in paragraph 4(7)(*a*) for the words 'under regulation 29 or under sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (2) of regulation 30', respectively, substitute the following words:—

'or such payments as are referred to in paragraph (*b*)(iii) of the definition of 'voluntary contributions' in regulation 2(1) of the Local Government Superannuation (Interchange with English Teaching Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963, being payments of a similar nature to those referred to in paragraph (*b*)(ii) of that definition'.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 5th day of November, 1964.

(L.S.) *W. F. Stout,*
Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Local Government Superannuation (Interchange with English Teaching Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963 so as to relate the amount of certain transfer values payable under the regulations more closely to the liability for superannuation benefits to be transferred. The regulations are retrospective to the operative date of the 1963 Regulations and rectify some minor defects in those Regulations.

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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition

Mineral Hydrocarbons in Food

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH NOVEMBER, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS 4 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, 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:—

(a) 1958. c. 27.

Citation and Commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Mineral Hydrocarbons in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958;

"chewing compound" means chewing gum and other products of a like nature and use;

"dried fruit" means prunes, currants, sultanas and raisins;

"food" means food intended for sale for human consumption;

"mineral hydrocarbon" means any hydrocarbon product, whether liquid, semi-liquid or solid, derived from any substance of mineral origin and includes liquid paraffins, white oils, petroleum jellies, hard paraffins and microcrystalline waxes;

"mineral oil" means any hydrocarbon product, whether liquid, semi-liquid or solid, derived from any substance of mineral origin and includes liquid paraffins, white oils, petroleum jellies and hard paraffins;

"sell" includes offer or expose for sale or have in possession for sale; and "sale" shall be construed accordingly.

Exemptions

3.—(1) Regulation 5 shall not apply in relation to—

(*a*) any dried fruit containing not more than 0·5 part by weight of mineral hydrocarbon per 100 parts by weight of dried fruit;

(*b*) any citrus fruit containing not more than 0·1 part by weight of mineral hydrocarbon per 100 parts by weight of citrus fruit;

(*c*) any sugar confectionery containing mineral hydrocarbon by reason of the use of mineral hydrocarbon as a polishing or glazing agent for confectionery if such confectionery contains by reason thereof not more than 0·2 part by weight of mineral hydrocarbon per 100 parts by weight of such confectionery;

(*d*) any food containing mineral hydrocarbon—

(i) by reason of the use in the composition of such food of dried fruit, citrus fruit or sugar confectionery, or any one or more of these commodities, containing mineral hydrocarbon not in excess of the relevant quantities permitted in accordance with sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*);

(ii) by reason not of the inclusion of mineral hydrocarbon as an ingredient in such food but because of the use of mineral hydrocarbon as a lubricant or greasing agent on some surface with which such food has necessarily to come into contact during the course of preparation if such food contains by reason thereof not more than 0·2 part by weight of mineral hydrocarbon per 100 parts by weight of the food;

(*e*) any chewing compound which contains no more than 60 parts by weight of paraffin or microcrystalline wax per 100 parts by weight of chewing compound and otherwise contains no mineral hydrocarbon;

(*f*) any whole pressed cheese or part thereof containing mineral hydrocarbon by reason of the use of mineral hydrocarbon on the rind;

(*g*) any eggs, laid by domestic fowls or domestic ducks, which contain mineral hydrocarbon by reason of their having been subjected to a process of preservation consisting of being dipped in, sprayed with or otherwise treated with mineral hydrocarbon and which before sale or exposure for sale are required (by section 12 of the Marketing of Eggs Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(**a**) and Rules made thereunder(**b**)) to be marked on the shell with the word "SEALED";

(*h*) any food intended for exportation to any place outside the United Kingdom.

(2) Any reference in paragraph (1) to mineral hydrocarbon means liquid mineral hydrocarbon or semi-liquid mineral hydrocarbon, or paraffin or microcrystalline wax, which complies with the specification therefor set forth respectively in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part I of the Schedule or a mixture of such liquid, or semi-liquid mineral hydrocarbons, or paraffin or microcrystalline wax; and the reference in paragraph (1)(*e*) to paraffin or microcrystalline wax means paraffin or microcrystalline wax which complies with the specifications set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the said Part of the Schedule.

(3) An exemption provided for in paragraph (1) shall not apply if the food contains any mineral hydrocarbon other than mineral hydrocarbon of a kind defined in relation to that food in paragraph (2).

Continuation of the Mineral Oil in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960

4. Until the Mineral Oil in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(**c**) cease to have effect in accordance with regulation 8, regulation 5 shall not apply in relation to—

(*a*) the use of any mineral oil in the composition or preparation of any food in accordance with the provisions of those regulations;

(*b*) the sale of any food containing mineral oil in accordance with such provisions.

Prohibition of Mineral Hydrocarbon in Food

5. Subject to the provisions of these regulations—

(*a*) no person shall use or permit to be used any mineral hydrocarbon in the composition or preparation of any food;

(*b*) no person shall sell any food containing any mineral hydrocarbon;

(*c*) no person shall, on and after 1st May, 1965, consign or deliver any food containing any mineral hydrocarbon.

Condemnation of Food containing Mineral Hydrocarbon

6. Where any food is certified by a public analyst as being food in the composition or preparation of which any mineral hydrocarbon has been used which it is an offence against the provisions of these regulations to use, permit to be used, sell, consign or deliver, that food may be treated for the purposes of section 9 of the Act (under which food may be seized and destroyed on the order of a justice of the peace) as being unfit for human consumption.

(**a**) 1957. c. 27.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 134.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 188.