

MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
Whitehall, S.W. 1.

16th December, 1926.

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PRESERVATIVES, &c., IN FOOD)
AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 1926.**

SIR.

1, I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to Circular 606, dated the 11th August, 1925, and to forward for the information of the Authority a copy of the Public Health (Preservatives, &c., in Food) Amendment Regulations, 1926, which postpone the operation of the Public Health (Preservatives, &c., in Food) Regulations, 1925, so far as certain foods are concerned, and make certain minor alterations in those Regulations.

2. The dates on which the principal Regulations as now amended will come into operation are as follows:—

- (1) All foods except those specified below 1st January, 1927
- (2) Bacon, ham, egg yolk and articles of food containing preservative necessarily introduced by the use in their preparation of preserved margarine ... 1st July, 1927
- (3) Butter, cream and articles of food containing preservative necessarily introduced by the use in their preparation of preserved bacon, preserved ham, preserved egg yolk or preserved cream 1st January, 1928.
- (4) Articles of food containing preservative necessarily introduced by the use in their preparation of preserved butter 1st July, 1928.

3. A number of communications have been received from various trade interests, representing that, owing to the exceptional industrial conditions or other causes, it has not been possible for retailers completely to clear their old stocks before the date on which the Regulations operate. In view of the time

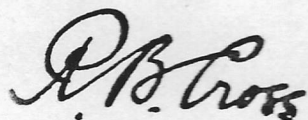
which has elapsed since the original Regulations were made and the desirability of avoiding further elaboration in regard to the dates of their application to particular commodities, the Minister has not felt justified in acceding to the requests for further postponement. Local Authorities, however, will probably consider it desirable to refrain from instituting legal proceedings during the next few months where they are satisfied that reasonable efforts have been made to clear old stocks and that further consignments will conform with the Regulations.

4. The arrangements with the Commissioners of Customs and Excise which are referred to in the second paragraph of Circular 606 have now been so modified as to provide that it will normally be left to Local Authorities to enforce the Regulations as regards imports of fresh fruit (not including pulp) in addition to the articles (meat and fish and their products) specified in that paragraph.

5. In pursuance of Article 3 of the Amendment Regulations arrangements are being made for the printing of the principal Regulations in the form in which they will operate as now amended. The Regulations so printed will be known as the Public Health (Preservatives, &c., in Food) Regulations, and copies will be obtainable in due course through any bookseller or directly from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the addresses shown below.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Assistant Secretary.

The Town Clerk, or
The Clerk to the Council, or
The Clerk to the Port Sanitary
Authority.