

1953 No. 1610

**FOOD AND DRUGS**

ENGLAND

**The Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food)  
(Amendment) Regulations, 1953**

*Made* - - - - 3rd November, 1953  
*Laid before Parliament* 5th November, 1953  
*Coming into Operation* 11th November, 1953

The Minister of Food and the Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections eight and ninety-two of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938(a), and by the Transfer of Functions (Food and Drugs) Order, 1948(b), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf, having consulted such representative organisations as appear to them substantially to represent the interests concerned with the purposes of these Regulations, hereby jointly make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 11th day of November, 1953, and may be cited as the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.

(2) These Regulations and the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1948, shall be construed together and may be cited together as the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1953.

2. The Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations, 1925(c), as amended(d), shall be further amended as follows:—

(a) by adding to paragraph (iv) of the proviso to paragraph (1) of Regulation 4 thereof the following sub-paragraphs:—

“(c) so as to prohibit the presence in citrus fruit of diphenyl in consequence of its being wrapped outside the United Kingdom in wrappers treated with diphenyl.

(d) so as to prohibit the presence in any article of food of diphenyl introduced in the preparation of such article by the use of citrus fruit which contains diphenyl in consequence of its being wrapped outside the United Kingdom in wrappers treated with diphenyl.”;

(b) by adding to paragraph (iv) of the proviso to paragraph (1) of Regulation 11 thereof the following sub-paragraph:—

“(c) so as to prohibit the presence in citrus fruit of diphenyl in consequence of its being wrapped outside the United Kingdom in wrappers treated with diphenyl; so, however, that this exemption shall not apply as respects citrus fruit in wrappers containing diphenyl in quantities equivalent to more than 40 milligrammes per 100 square inches.”;

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(a) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 56.

(b) S.I. 1948/107; Rev. VIII, p. 142; 1948 I, p. 1966.

(c) S.R. & O. 1925/775; Rev. VIII, p. 95; 1925, p. 1375.

(d) See Rev. VIII, p. 95.

(c) by substituting in the table in Part I of the First Schedule thereto for the figure "40" where it appears in the third column of item 6 (relating to jam) the figure "100";

(d) by adding to the said table the following items:—

" Food	Preservative	Parts per Million
18. Dehydrated Vegetables:		
(a) Potatoes ... ..	Sulphur dioxide ... ..	550
(b) Runner beans, turnips, spinach, swedes, peas, parsnips, carrots, mixed vegetables.	Sulphur dioxide ... ..	2,000
(c) Cabbage ... ..	Sulphur dioxide ... ..	3,000
19. Margarine ... ..	Boron preservative (expressed as boric acid).	2,500";

(e) by adding to Part I of the First Schedule thereto, immediately after the table therein, the following paragraph:—

"Item 19 in the above table, relating to margarine, shall have effect only during such period as any rationing scheme is in operation for that commodity by virtue of any Order made pursuant to the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and two months thereafter."

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Food this 3rd day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

(L.S.)

*G. Lloyd-George,*  
Minister of Food.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this 2nd day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

(L.S.)

*Iain Macleod,*  
Minister of Health.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These amending Regulations provide for the sale and importation of certain specified dehydrated vegetables which contain sulphur dioxide within prescribed limits, increase the maximum permitted sulphur dioxide content of jam, permit the presence of diphenyl in citrus fruit imported in wrappers treated with diphenyl and, for a limited period, the addition of borax to margarine.

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