

Circular FSH 14/58  
(England and Wales)

*Food and Drugs Authorities,  
Port Health Authorities,  
Public Analysts.*

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,  
FISHERIES AND FOOD,  
GREAT WESTMINSTER HOUSE,  
HORSEFERRY ROAD,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

5th September, 1958.

SIR,

**The Antioxidant in Food Regulations 1958**

1. I am directed by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to enclose for your information a copy of the above regulations which he has made jointly with the Minister of Health.

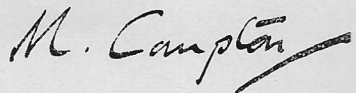
2. The regulations provide for the sale and importation of foods which contain propyl, octyl and dodecyl gallates and butylated hydroxyanisole and butylated hydroxytoluene within prescribed limits. They require antioxidants and certain specified foods containing antioxidant when sold otherwise than by retail to be labelled in a prescribed manner ; and they provide that where a food is certified by a public analyst to contain antioxidant not permitted by the regulations that food may be treated for the purposes of section 9 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, as being unfit for human consumption.

3. By arrangement with H.M. Customs and Excise Department, Customs Officers will afford facilities for the examination of cargoes and consignments before they are cleared by Customs ; but no sampling of uncleared goods should be undertaken without the consent of the Customs Officer.

4. A copy of this circular and the regulations is being sent to the Medical Officer of Health and a copy is enclosed for the Public Health Inspector or sampling officer. Further copies may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk of the Council, or  
The Town Clerk, or  
The Clerk of the Port Health Authority.

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