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The Extraction Solvents in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1)(a) and (c), 16(1), 25(1)(a) and (3) and 47(2) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with Article 47(3) of the said Order with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Extraction Solvents in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 7th August 1995.

Amendment of the Extraction Solvents in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

- 2. The Extraction Solvents in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(b) shall be amended as follows—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph (2) of regulation 3 (sale of food containing extraction solvents and of extraction solvents), for "19" there shall be substituted "20";
 - (b) immediately after item 19 in Part I of Schedule 1 (permitted extraction solvents) there shall be added, in Column 1—
 - "20. Cyclohexane";
 - (c) immediately after the entry relating to Propan-l-ol in Schedule 3 (which specifies maximum residues for extraction solvents in foods containing flavourings prepared from natural flavouring materials by the use of such extraction solvents) there shall be inserted—

in Column 1 (extraction solvent)

in Column 2 (maximum residue)

"Clyclohexane

1 mg/kg".

⁽a) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7). See Article 2(2) for the definitions of "regulations" and "the Department concerned"

⁽b) S.R. 1993 No. 330

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 27th June 1995.

(L.S.)

John McGrath

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Extraction Solvents in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 (S.R. 1993 No. 330) ("the 1993 Regulations") in implementation of Council Directive 88/344/EEC (O.J. No. L157, 24.6.88, p. 28) (as amended by Council Directive 92/115/EEC (O.J. No. L409, 31.12.92, p. 31)) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients, as now further amended by Directive 94/52/EC of the European Parliament and the Council (O.J. No. L331, 21.12.94, p. 10)

The extraction solvent Cyclohexane is now introduced as an extraction solvent the use of which is permitted in the preparation of flavourings from natural flavouring materials subject to a maximum residue limit of 1 mg of Cyclohexane in 1 kg of food. Appropriate amendments are made to Schedules 1 and 3 to, and regulation 3(2)(e) of, the 1993 Regulations (regulation 2).