
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 164

FOOD

**Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

Made - - - - *18th April 1996*
Coming into operation *3rd June 1996*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(2), 16(1), 25(1)(a) and (3), 26(3), 32 and 47(2) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991⁽¹⁾, and being a designated Department⁽²⁾ for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972⁽³⁾ in relation to materials and articles in contact with food or drink or intended for such contact, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) 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 (in so far as the Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Order), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 3rd June 1996.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993⁽⁴⁾.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954⁽⁵⁾ shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the principal Regulations

2. The principal Regulations shall be amended as follows—

(a) in regulation 1(2)—

(i) after the definition of “the 1987 Regulations” there shall be inserted—

(1) 1991 No. 762 (N.I. 7) See Article 2(2) for the definitions of “regulations” and “the Department concerned”
(2) S.I.1976/2141
(3) 1972 c. 68
(4) S.R. 1993 No. 173, as amended by S.R. 1995 No. 107
(5) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

““additive” means a substance, other than one which directly influences the formation of polymers including the catalytic system , which is—

- (a) incorporated into a plastic material or article to achieve a technical effect in the finished product and is intended to be present in the finished product; or
- (b) used to provide a suitable medium in which polymerization occurs including emulsifiers, surfactants and buffering agents;”;

(ii) after the definition of “the Directive” there shall be inserted—

““good technical quality” means good technical quality as regards the purity criteria;”;

(b) after regulation 12 there shall be inserted—

“Use, sale and importation until 1st April 1998

13. Until 1st April 1998 a plastic material or article which has been manufactured using one or more of the monomers identified by PM/REF No., CAS No. and name respectively in columns 1, 2 and 3 of Section E of Part I of Schedule 1—

- (a) may be used in the course of a business in connection with the storage, preparation, packaging, sale or serving of food for human consumption,
- (b) may be sold for the purpose of its being used in connection with the storage, preparation, packaging, sale or serving of food for human consumption, or
- (c) may be imported for the purposes of its being used in connection with the storage, preparation, packaging, sale or serving of food for human consumption,

provided that such monomer is of good technical quality.

Additives

14.—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs, no person shall use in the manufacture of plastic materials or articles any additive identified by PM/REF No., CAS No. (if any) and name respectively in columns 1, 2 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 3 which is not of good technical quality.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not be taken to prohibit the presence in any plastic material or article of any substance which is a mixture of additives of good technical quality identified in Part I of Schedule 3.

(3) In any proceedings for an offence under these Regulations, where it is alleged that the commission of the offence is due to the manufacture of a plastic material or article with any additive identified in Part I of Schedule 3 which is not of good technical quality, it shall be a defence for the person charged to prove that each such additive is present in the finished plastic material or article as an impurity, a reaction intermediate or a decomposition product.”;

- (c) in the column headed ‘Item’ in Section A of Part I of Schedule 1 for Item number and letter “66A” and “91A” there shall be substituted, respectively, “66B” and “91B”;
- (d) the Item number and letter, PM/REF No., CAS No., name and restriction (if any) for each monomer identified in Schedule 1 to these Regulations shall be inserted at the appropriate numerical point in Section A of Part I of Schedule 1;

- (e) in Section A of Part I of Schedule 1, opposite and corresponding to Item 57, for the entry in column 1 (PM/REF No.) there shall be substituted “14411” and in column 3 (Name) “(food grade quality)” shall be deleted;
- (f) in column 4 (Restrictions) of Section A of Part I of Schedule 1—
 - (i) opposite and corresponding to Item 166, there shall be inserted “see ‘Rosin’”; and
 - (ii) in the entry opposite and corresponding to Item 180, for “0.05” there shall be substituted “5”;
- (g) in Section B of Part I of Schedule 1 the entries in columns 1 (PM/REF No.), 2 (CAS No.), 3 (Name) and 4 (Restrictions) (if any) opposite and corresponding to Items 11, 60, 83, 102 and 161 respectively, shall be deleted;
- (h) the contents of Schedule 2 to these Regulations shall be inserted after Section D of Part I of Schedule 1; and
- (i) the contents of Schedule 3 to these Regulations shall be inserted after Schedule 2.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on .

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18th April 1996

Joan Dixon
Assistant Secretary

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(d)

Item	1 PM/REF No.	2 CAS No.	3 Name	4 Restrictions
7A.	10660	015214-89-8	2-Acrylamido-2-methylpropane-sulphonic acid	The specific migration of this substance shall not exceed 0.05 mg/kg.
26A.	12789	007664-41-7	Ammonia	
66A.	15070	001647-16-1	Dec-1,9-diene	The specific migration of this substance shall not exceed 0.05 mg/kg.
91A	17050	000104-76-7	2-Ethylhexan-1-ol	The specific migration of this substance shall not exceed 30 mg/kg.
110B.	19270	000097-65-4	Itaconic acid	
197.	26140	000075-38-7	Vinylidene fluoride	The specific migration of this substance shall not exceed 5 mg/kg

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(h)

"SECTION E

Monomers authorised until 1st April 1998

Item	1 PM/REF No.	2 CAS No.	3 Name
1.	10660	015214-89-8	2-Acrylamido-2-methylpropane-sulphonic acid
2.	15070	001647-16-1	Dec-1, 9-diene
3.	17050	000104-76-7	2-Ethylhexan-1-ol"

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 2(i)

“SCHEDULE 3

Part I Additives

Item	1 PM/REF No.	2 CAS No.	3 Name
1	30000	000064-19-7	Acetic acid
2	30045	000123-86-4	Acetic acid, butyl ester
3	30140	000141-78-6	Acetic acid, ethyl ester
4	30280	000108-24-7	Acetic anhydride
5	30295	000067-64-1	Acetone
6	30370	—	Acetylacetic acid, salts
7	30400	—	Acetylated glycerides
8	30960	—	Acids, aliphatic, monocarboxylic (C ₆ -C ₂₂), esters with polyglycerol
9	31328	—	Acids, fatty, from animal or vegetable food fats and oils
10	31730	000124-04-9	Adipic acid
11	33120	—	Alcohols, aliphatic, monohydric, saturated, linear, primary (C ₄ -C ₂₄)
12	33350	009005-32-7	Alginic acid
13	34480	—	Aluminium fibers, flakes and powders
14	34560	021645-51-2	Aluminium hydroxide
15	34690	011097-59-9	Aluminium magnesium carbonate hydroxide
16	34720	001344-28-1	Aluminium oxide
17	35120	013560-49-1	3-Aminocrotonic acid, diester with thiobis (2-hydroxyethyl) ether
18	35320	007664-41-7	Ammonia
19	35440	012124-97-9	Ammonium bromide
20	35600	001336-21-6	Ammonium hydroxide
21	35840	000506-30-9	Arachidic acid

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22	35845	007771-44-0	Arachidonic acid
23	36000	000050-81-7	Ascorbic acid
24	36080	000137-66-6	Ascorbyl palmitate
25	36160	010605-09-1	Ascorbyl stearate
26	36880	008012-89-3	Beeswax
27	36960	003061-75-4	Behenamide
28	37040	000112-85-6	Behenic acid
29	37280	001302-78-9	Bentonite
30	37600	000065-85-0	Benzoic acid
31	37680	000136-60-7	Benzoic acid, butyl ester
32	37840	000093-89-0	Benzoic acid, ethyl ester
33	38080	000093-58-3	Benzoic acid, methyl ester
34	38160	002315-68-6	Benzoic acid, propyl ester
35	38950	079072-96-1	Bis(4-ethylbenzylidene) sorbitol
36	39890	087826-41-3	Bis(methylbenzylidene) sorbitol
		069158-41-4	" " "
		054686-97-4	" " "
37	40400	010043-11-5	Boron nitride
38	40570	000106-97-8	Butane
39	41040	005743-36-2	Calcium butyrate
40	41280	001305-62-0	Calcium hydroxide
41	41520	001305-78-8	Calcium oxide
42	41600	012004-14-7	Calcium sulphoaluminate
		037293-22-4	" "
43	41760	008006-44-8	Candelilla wax
44	41960	000124-07-2	Caprylic acid
45	42160	000124-38-9	Carbon dioxide
46	42500	—	Carbonic acid, salts

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47	42640	009000-11-7	Carboxymethylcellulose
48	42720	008015-86-9	Carnauba wax
49	42800	009000-71-9	Casein
50	42960	064147-40-6	Castor oil, dehydrated
51	43200	—	Castor oil, mono- and diglycerides
52	43280	009000-34-6	Cellulose
53	43300	009004-36-8	Cellulose acetate butyrate
54	43360	068442-85-3	Cellulose, regenerated
55	43440	008001-75-0	Ceresin
56	44160	000077-92-9	Citric acid
57	44640	000077-93-0	Citric acid, triethyl ester
58	45280	—	Cotton fibres
59	45560	014464-46-1	Cristobalite
60	45760	000108-91-8	Cyclohexylamine
61	45920	009000-16-2	Dammar
62	45940	000334-48-5	n-Decanoic acid
63	46070	010016-20-3	alpha-Dextrin
64	46080	007585-39-9	beta-Dextrin
65	46375	061790-53-2	Diatomaceous earth
66	46480	032647-67-9	Dibenzylidene sorbitol
67	46790	004221-80-1	3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoic acid, 2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl ester
68	46800	067845-93-6	3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoic acid, hexadecyl ester
69	46870	003135-18-0	3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl-phosphonic acid, dioctadecyl ester
70	47440	000461-58-5	Dicyanodiamide
71	49540	000067-68-5	Dimethyl sulphoxide
72	51200	000126-58-9	Dipentacrythritol

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73	51760	025265-71-8 000110-98-5	Dipropyleneglycol "
74	52640	016389-88-1	Dolomite
75	52730	000112-86-7	Erucic acid
76	52800	000064-17-5	Ethanol
77	53270	037205-99-5	Ethylcarboxymethylcellulose
78	53280	009004-57-3	Ethylcellulose
79	53360	000110-31-6	N, N'- Ethylenebisoleamide
80	53440	005518-18-3	N, N'- Ethylenebispalmitamide
81	53520	000110-30-5	N, N'- Ethylenebisstearamide
82	53600	000060-00-4	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
83	54005	005136-44-7	Ethylene-N- palmitamide- N'stearamide
84	54260	009004-58-4	Ethylhydroxyethylcellulose
85	54270	—	Ethylhydroxymethylcellulose
86	54280	—	Ethylhydroxypropylcellulose
87	54450	—	Fats and oils from animal or vegetable food sources
88	54480	—	Fats and oils, hydrogenated, from animal or vegetable food sources
89	55040	000064-18-6	Formic acid
90	55120	000110-17-8	Fumaric acid
91	55190	029204-02-2	Gadoleic acid
92	55440	009000-70-8	Gelatin
93	55680	000110-94-1	Glutaric acid
94	55920	000056-81-5	Glycerol
95	56020	099880-64-5	Glycerol dibehenate
96	56360	—	Glycerol, esters with acetic acid

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97	56487	—	Glycerol, esters with butyric acid
98	56490	—	Glycerol, esters with erucic acid
99	56495	—	Glycerol, esters with 12- hydroxystearic acid
100	56500	—	Glycerol, esters with lauric acid
101	56510	—	Glycerol, esters with linoleic acid
102	56520	—	Glycerol, esters with myristic acid
103	56540	—	Glycerol, esters with oleic acid
104	56550	—	Glycerol, esters with palmitic acid
105	56565	—	Glycerol, esters with nonanoic acid
106	56570	—	Glycerol, esters with propionic acid
107	56580	—	Glycerol, esters with ricinoleic acid
108	56585	—	Glycerol, esters with stearic acid
109	56610	030233-64-8	Glycerol monobehenate
110	56720	026402-23-3	Glycerol monohexanoate
111	56800	030899-62-8	Glycerol monolaurate diacetate
112	56880	026402-26-6	Glycerol monooctanoate
113	57040	—	Glycerol monooleate, ester with ascorbic acid
114	57120	—	Glycerol monooleate, ester with citric acid
115	57200	—	Glycerol monopalmitate, ester with ascorbic acid

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Item	1 PM/REF No.	2 CAS No.	3 Name
116	57280	—	Glycerol monopalmitate, ester with citric acid
117	57600	—	Glycerol monostearate, ester with ascorbic acid
118	57680	—	Glycerol monostearate, ester with citric acid
119	57920	000620-67-7	Glycerol triheptanoate
120	58300	—	Glycine, salts
121	58320	007782-42-5	Graphite
122	58400	009000-30-0	Guar gum
123	58480	009000-01-5	Gum arabic
124	58720	000111-14-8	Heptanoic acid
125	59360	000142-62-1	Hexanoic acid
126	59760	019569-21-2	Huntite
127	59990	007647-01-0	Hydrochloric acid
128	60030	012072-90-1	Hydromagnesite
129	60080	012304-65-3	Hydrotalcite
130	60160	000120-47-8	4-Hydroxybenzoic acid, ethyl ester
131	60180	004191-73-5	4-Hydroxybenzoic acid, isopropyl ester
132	60200	000099-76-3	4-Hydroxybenzoic acid, methyl ester
133	60240	000094-13-3	4-Hydroxybenzoic acid, propyl ester
134	60560	009004-62-0	Hydroxyethylcellulose
135	60880	009032-42-2	Hydroxyethylmethylcellulose
136	61120	009005-27-0	Hydroxyethyl starch
137	61390	037353-59-6	Hydroxymethylcellulose
138	61680	009004-64-2	Hydroxypropylcellulose
139	61800	009049-76-7	Hydroxypropyl starch
140	61840	000106-14-9	12-Hydroxystearic acid
141	62140	006303-21-5	Hypophosphorous acid

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142	62240	001332-37-2	Iron oxide
143	62450	000078-78-4	Isopentane
144	62640	008001-39-6	Japan wax
145	62720	001332-58-7	Kaolin
146	62800	—	Kaolin, calcined
147	62960	000050-21-5	Lactic acid
148	63040	000138-22-7	Lactic acid, butyl ester
149	63280	000143-07-7	Lauric acid
150	63760	008002-43-5	Lecithin
151	63840	000123-76-2	Levulinic acid
152	63920	000557-59-5	Lignoceric acid
153	64015	000060-33-3	Linoleic acid
154	64150	028290-79-1	Linolenic acid
155	64500	—	Lysine, salts
156	64640	001309-42-8	Magnesium hydroxide
157	64720	001309-48-4	Magnesium oxide
158	65020	006915-15-7	Malic acid
159	65040	000141-82-2	Malonic acid
160	65520	000087-78-5	Mannitol
161	66200	037206-01-2	Methylcarboxymethylcellulose
162	66240	009004-67-5	Methylcellulose
163	66640	009004-59-5	Methylethylcellulose
164	66695	—	Methylhydroxymethylcellulose
165	66700	009004-65-3	Methylhydroxypropylcellulose
166	67120	012001-26-2	Mica
167	67200	001317-33-5	Molybdenum disulphide
168	67840	—	Montanic acids and/ or their esters with ethyleneglycol and/ or with 1,3-butanediol and/or with glycerol
169	67850	008002-53-7	Montan wax
170	67891	000544-63-8	Myristic acid

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171	68040	003333-62-8	7-[2H-Naphtho-(1,2-D)triazol-2-yl]-3-phenylcoumarin
172	68125	068187-64-4	Nepheline syenite
173	69040	000112-80-1	Oleic acid
174	69760	000143-28-2	Oleyl alcohol
175	70000	070331-94-1	2,2'-Oxamidobis[ethyl-3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-propionate]
176	70240	012198-93-5	Ozokerite
177	70400	000057-10-3	Palmitic acid
178	71020	000373-49-9	Palmitoleic acid
179	71440	009000-69-5	Pectin
180	71600	000115-77-5	Pentaerythritol
181	71680	006683-19-8	Pentaerythritol tetrakis[3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-propionate]
182	71720	000109-66-0	Pentane
183	72640	007664-38-2	Phosphoric acid
184	74240	031570-04-4	Phosphorous acid, tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl)ester
185	74480	000088-99-3	o-Phthalic acid
186	76320	000085-44-9	Phthalic anhydride
187	76720	009016-00-6	Polydimethylsiloxane
		063148-62-9	„
188	76960	025322-68-3	Polyethyleneglycol
189	77600	061788-85-0	Polyethyleneglycol ester of hydrogenated castor oil
190	77702	—	Polyethyleneglycol esters of aliphatic monocarboxylic acids (C ₆ -C ₂₂), and their ammonium and sodium sulphates

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191	79040	009005-64-5	Polyethyleneglycol sorbitan monolaurate
192	79120	009005-65-6	Polyethyleneglycol sorbitan monooleate
193	79200	009005-66-7	Polyethyleneglycol sorbitan monopalmitate
194	79280	009005-67-8	Polyethyleneglycol sorbitan monostearate
195	79360	009005-70-3	Polyethyleneglycol sorbitan trioleate
196	79440	009005-71-4	Polyethyleneglycol sorbitan tristearate
197	80240	029894-35-7	Polyglycerol ricinoleate
198	80640	—	Polyoxyalkyl(C ₂ -C ₄)-dimethylpolysiloxane
199	80720	008017-16-1	Polyphosphoric acids
200	81520	007758-02-3	Potassium bromide
201	81600	001310-58-3	Potassium hydroxide
202	81840	000057-55-6	1,2-Propanediol
203	81882	000067-63-0	2-Propanol
204	82000	000079-09-4	Propionic acid
205	82080	009005-37-2	1,2-Propyleneglycol alginate
206	82240	022788-19-8	1,2-Propyleneglycol dilaurate
207	82400	000105-62-4	1,2-Propyleneglycol dioleate
208	82560	033587-20-1	1,2-Propyleneglycol dipalmitate
209	82720	006182-11-2	1,2-Propyleneglycol distearate
210	82800	027194-74-7	1,2-Propyleneglycol monolaurate
211	82960	001330-80-9	1,2-Propyleneglycol monooleate
212	83120	029013-28-3	1,2-Propyleneglycol monopalmitate

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213	83300	001323-39-3	1,2-Propyleneglycol monostearate
214	83320	—	Propylhydroxyethylcellulose
215	83325	—	Propylhydroxymethylcellulose
216	83330	—	Propylhydroxypropylcellulose
217	83440	002466-09-3	Pyrophosphoric acid
218	83455	013445-56-2	Pyrophosphorous acid
219	83460	012269-78-2	Pyrophyllite
220	83470	014808-60-7	Quartz
221	83610	073138-82-6	Resin acids and rosin acids
222	83840	008050-09-7	Rosin
223	84000	008050-31-5	Rosin, ester with glycerol
224	84080	008050-26-8	Rosin, ester with pentaerythritol
225	84210	065997-06-0	Rosin, hydrogenated
226	84240	065997-13-9	Rosin, hydrogenated, ester with glycerol
227	84320	008050-15-5	Rosin, hydrogenated, ester with methanol
228	84400	064365-17-9	Rosin, hydrogenated, ester with pentaerythritol
229	84560	009006-04-6	Rubber, natural
230	84640	000069-72-7	Salicylic acid
231	85600	—	Silicates, natural
232	85980	—	Silicic acid, salts
233	86000	—	Silicic acid, silylated
234	86160	000409-21-2	Silicon carbide
235	86240	007631-86-9	Silicon dioxide
236	86560	007647-15-6	Sodium bromide
237	86720	001310-73-2	Sodium hydroxide
238	87200	000110-44-1	Sorbic acid
239	87280	029116-98-1	Sorbitan dioleate
240	87520	062568-11-0	Sorbitan monobehenate

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241	87600	001338-39-2	Sorbitan monolaurate
242	87680	001338-43-8	Sorbitan monooleate
243	87760	026266-57-9	Sorbitan monopalmitate
244	87840	001338-41-6	Sorbitan monostearate
245	87920	061752-68-9	Sorbitan tetrastearate
246	88080	026266-58-0	Sorbitan trioleate
247	88160	054140-20-4	Sorbitan tripalmitate
248	88240	026658-19-5	Sorbitan tristearate
249	88320	000050-70-4	Sorbitol
250	88600	026836-47-5	Sorbitol monostearate
251	88800	009005-25-8	Starch, edible
252	88880	068412-29-3	Starch, hydrolysed
253	89040	000057-11-4	Stearic acid
254	90720	058446-52-9	Stearoylbenzoylmethane
255	90800	005793-94-2	Stearoyl-2-lactylic acid, calcium salt
256	90960	000110-15-6	Succinic acid
257	91200	000126-13-6	Sucrose acetate isobutyrate
258	91360	000126-14-7	Sucrose octaacetate
259	91840	007704-34-9	Sulphur
260	91920	007664-93-9	Sulphuric acid
261	92080	014807-96-6	Talc
262	92160	000087-69-4	Tartaric acid
263	92195	—	Taurine, salts
264	92205	057569-40-1	Terephthalic acid, diester with 2,2'- methylenebis(4- methyl-6-tert- butylphenol)
265	92350	000112-60-7	Tetraethyleneglycol
266	92640	000102-60-3	N,N,N',N'- Tetrakis(2-hydroxy- propyl)ethylenediamine
267	93440	013463-67-7	Titanium dioxide
268	93520	000059-02-9	alpha-Tocopherol

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		010191-41-0	" "
269	93680	009000-65-1	Tragacanth gum
270	94320	000112-27-6	Triethyleneglycol
271	95200	001709-70-2	1,3,5-Trimethyl-2,4,6-tris(3,5- di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl) benzene
272	95905	013983-17-0	Wollastonite
273	95920	—	Wood flour and fibers, untreated
274	95935	011138-66-2	Xanthan gum
275	96190	020427-58-1	Zinc hydroxide
276	96240	001314-13-2	Zinc oxide
277	96320	001314-98-3	Zinc sulphide

Part II

Supplementary

1. In regulation 14 and Part I—

- (a) the PM/REF No. of any additive is its EEC packaging material reference number;
- (b) the CAS No. of any additive is its CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service) Registry Number, and
- (c) the name of any additive is its chemical name,

and to the extent that there is any inconsistency between the CAS No. and the name, the name shall take precedence over the CAS No.

2. If an additive appearing in Part I as an individual compound also falls within a generic term which appears therein, the restriction (if any) applying to that additive shall be that indicated for the individual compound and the entry applying to the generic term shall be treated as varied to such extent (if any) as is necessary therefor.

3. If a substance—

- (a) identified in Part I is an acid, a phenol or an alcohol and has salts (including double salts) of one or more of the following names (that is to say salts (including double salts) of aluminium, ammonium, calcium, iron, magnesium, potassium, sodium or zinc), then any such salts (including double salts) shall be treated as included in the specification of that substance; and
- (b) is identified in Part I as an acid salt and has salt of one or more of the following names (that is to say, salts of aluminium, ammonium, calcium, iron, magnesium, potassium, sodium or zinc), then the free acid corresponding to that substance is not treated as included in the specification of that substance.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 ([S.R. 1993 No. 173](#)) (“the principal Regulations”) and implement Commission Directive [95/3/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L41, 23.2.95, p. 44), amending Commission Directive [90/128/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L75, 21.3.90, p. 19, to be read with corrigendum in O.J. No. L349, 13.12.90, p. 26) relating to plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs.

The Regulations—

- (a) add definitions of the terms “additive” and “good technical quality” in the principal Regulations (regulation 2(a));
- (b) permit the use, sale or importation of plastic materials and articles manufactured using one or more of the monomers in Section E as inserted in Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations by these Regulations, until 1st April 1998 (regulations 2(b) and (h));
- (c) prohibit use in the manufacture of plastic materials or articles of specified additives unless they are of good technical quality (regulation 2(b) and (i));
- (d) amend the Item number and letter for two monomers in Section A of Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (regulation 2(c));
- (e) add specified monomers with restrictions as appropriate to those listed in Section A of Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (monomers authorised without time limit) (regulation 2(d) and (e));
- (f) amend the restrictions at items 166 and 180 respectively (Rosin gum and 5-sulphosisophthalic acid, monosodium salt) in Section A of Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (regulation 2(f)); and
- (g) delete one monomer from Section A of Part I of Schedule 1 (monomers authorised without time limit), and delete five monomers from Section B (monomers authorised up to the end of 1996) of Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (regulation 2(e) and (g)).