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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Colours in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

*Use of colours in or on food*

- 3.—(1) No person shall use in or on any food any colour other than a permitted colour.
- (2) No person shall use any permitted colour in or on any food listed in Schedule 2 except in accordance with paragraph (3)(a).
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4) and to regulations 4, 5 and 6, no person shall use any permitted colour in or on any food unless—
- (a) the food is one listed—
    - (i) in column 1 of Schedule 3, in which case there may be used in or on such food any permitted colour which is listed in relation to it in column 2 of Schedule 3 in an amount not exceeding the maximum level for such permitted colour in or on such food as listed in column 3 of Schedule 3;
    - (ii) in column 2 of Schedule 4, in which case there may be used in or on such food any permitted colour which is listed in relation to it in column 1 of Schedule 4 in an amount not exceeding the maximum level for such permitted colour in or on such food as listed in column 3 of Schedule 4; or
    - (iii) in Part III of Schedule 5, in which case there may be used in or on such food any of the permitted colours listed in Parts I and II of Schedule 5 in accordance with the conditions contained in that Schedule governing the use of such colours in or on such foods;
  - (b) the food is not listed in either Schedule 2 or in column 1 of Schedule 3, in which case there may be used in or on such food any one or more of the permitted colours listed in Part I of Schedule 5 up to an amount (in each case) of *quantum satis*.
- (4) No person shall use any permitted colour listed in column 1 of Schedule 4 in or on any food other than the food or foods listed in relation to that permitted colour in column 2 of that Schedule.