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FOOD AND DRUGS**COMPOSITION AND LABELLING****The Cheese (Amendment) Regulations 1974**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>28th June 1974</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>11th July 1974</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st August 1974</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Social Services, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 4, 7 and 123 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955(a), as read with the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations, after consultation with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by the regulations and after reference to the Food Hygiene Advisory Council under section 82 of the said Act (insofar as the regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by the said section 7):—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Cheese (Amendment) Regulations 1974, and shall come into operation on 1st August 1974.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of principal regulations

2. The Cheese Regulations 1970(d) shall be amended as follows:—

(a) by substituting in regulation 2(1) thereof for the definition of emulsifying salts the following definition:—

“ ‘emulsifying salts’ means the following substances insofar as their use is permitted by the Miscellaneous Additives in Food Regulations 1974(e) namely, the ammonium, sodium, potassium or calcium salts of citric and orthophosphoric acid; the sodium, potassium or calcium

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2, c. 16.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(e) S.I. 1974/1121 (1974 II, p. 4227).

(b) S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585).

(d) S.I. 1970/94 (1970 I, p. 432).

salts of diphosphoric acid; *pentasodium triphosphate*; *pentapotassium triphosphate*; ammonium, sodium, potassium and calcium polyphosphates; the sodium, potassium or potassium sodium salts of tartaric acid;”;

- (b) by inserting in regulation 2(1) thereof after the definition of human consumption the following definitions:—

“ ‘permitted colouring matter’ means any colouring matter insofar as its use is permitted by the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations 1973(a);

‘permitted miscellaneous additive’ means any acid, anti-caking agent, anti-foaming agent, base, buffer, firming agent, glazing agent, humectant, liquid freezant, packaging gas, propellant, release agent or sequestrant insofar as its use is, in each case, permitted by the Miscellaneous Additives in Food Regulations 1974;

‘permitted preservative’ means any preservative insofar as its use is permitted by the Preservatives in Food Regulations 1974(b);”;

- (c) by substituting for regulation 11 thereof the following regulation:—

“11. No person shall sell, consign or deliver any cheese, processed cheese or cheese spread which contains any ingredient other than the substances mentioned in the definition of ‘cheese’, ‘processed cheese’ or ‘cheese spread’ as the case may be, in regulation 2(1), water, such permitted preservatives in such amounts as are permitted by the Preservatives in Food Regulations 1974, any mould characteristic of the variety of cheese concerned and any or all of the following ingredients where appropriate in relation to the kind of cheese specified, namely:—

(a) Hard cheese may contain common salt (sodium chloride), starter, rennet, the permitted miscellaneous additives calcium chloride anhydrous, calcium chloride and calcium hydroxide and the permitted colouring matters alpha-carotene, beta-carotene, gamma-carotene and annatto and the synthetic equivalent identical with the pure colouring principle of the permitted colouring matters alpha-carotene, beta-carotene, gamma-carotene and annatto;

(b) The rind of hard cheese may contain any permitted colouring matter other than aluminium, silver, gold or methyl violet;

(c) Soft cheese and whey cheese may contain the ingredients mentioned in paragraph (a) of this regulation, alginic acid, calcium alginate, sodium alginate, carrageen, edible gums, edible starches (whether modified or not), flavourings and lecithin;

(d) Processed cheese and cheese spread may contain—

(i) the ingredients mentioned or referred to in paragraph (c) of this regulation;

(ii) emulsifying salts;

(a) S.I. 1973/1340 (1973 II, p. 4097). (b) S.I. 1974/1119 (1974 II, p. 4183).

- (iii) the following permitted colouring matters, namely, curcumin, riboflavin (lactoflavin), cochineal (carminic acid), orchil (orcein), chlorophyll, caramel, carotenoids, flavoxanthin, lutein, cryptoxanthin, rubixanthin, violaxanthin, rhodoxanthin, canthaxanthin, beetroot red (betanin), anthocyanins, paprika, turmeric, saffron, sandalwood, the pure colouring principle of the permitted colouring matters paprika, turmeric, saffron and sandalwood, and the synthetic equivalent identical with the pure colouring principle of any natural colouring matter specified in this sub-paragraph;
 - (iv) the permitted miscellaneous additives lactic acid and citric acid;
- (e) Hard sage cheese may contain—
- (i) the ingredients mentioned in paragraph (a) of this regulation;
 - (ii) sage; and
 - (iii) any green permitted colouring matter mentioned in paragraph (d) (iii) of this regulation;
- (f) Soft sage cheese may contain—
- (i) the ingredients mentioned or referred to in paragraph (c) of this regulation;
 - (ii) sage; and
 - (iii) any green permitted colouring matter mentioned in paragraph (d)(iii) of this regulation;
- (g) Sage cheese spread may contain the ingredients mentioned or referred to in paragraph (d) of this regulation and sage.”

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 24th June 1974.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Barbara Castle,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

28th June 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These amending Regulations come into operation on 1st August 1974. They revise the definition of emulsifying salts and make changes in the colouring matters permitted by regulation 11 of the principal regulations as ingredients in cheese, processed cheese and cheese spread sold, consigned or delivered.

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