1980 No. 1832

FOOD AND DRUGS

COMPOSITION AND LABELLING

The Solvents in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1980

Made -1st December 1980 Laid before Parliament 10st December 1980 Coming into Operation 31st December 1980

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 4, 7 and 123 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955(a) 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 (in so far as the regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by the said section 7):—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Solvents in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1980, and shall come into operation on 31st December 1980.

Amendment of the Solvents in Food Regulations 1967

- 2. Schedule 1 to the Solvents in Food Regulations 1967(b) shall be further amended-
 - (a) by substituting for the entry in the second column thereof (Specification) relating to glycerol the following entry:-
 - "As set out in the Annex to Council Directive 78/663/EEC(c).";
 - (b) by substituting for the entry in the said second column relating to propylene glycol the following entry:-
 - "As set out in the Annex to Council Directive 78/664/EEC(d).".

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 26th November 1980.

(L.S.) Peter Walker,

> Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

> > Patrick Jenkin,

28th November 1980. Secretary of State for Social Services.

Nicholas Edwards,

1st December 1980.

Secretary of State for Wales.

⁽a) 1955 c. 16 (4 & 5 Eliz. 2); section 4 was amended by section 4(1) of and paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68); sections 4, 7 and 123 are to be read with the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699) and the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/272).

⁽b) S.I. 1967/1582, to which there is an aniendment not relevant to these regulations.
(c) O.J. No. L223, 14.8.78, p. 7.
(d) O.J. No. L223, 14.8.78, p. 30.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations, which come into operation on 31st December 1980, further amend the Solvents in Food Regulations 1967. They implement in part Council Directive No. 78/663/EEC (O.J. No. L223, 14.8.78, p. 7) laying down specific criteria of purity for emulsifiers, stabilisers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs and Council Directive No. 78/664/EEC (O.J. No. L223, 14.8.78, p. 30) laying down specific criteria of purity for antioxidants which may be used in foodstuffs intended for human consumption. They replace the specifications for the permitted solvents glycerol and propylene glycol in Schedule 1 by the specific purity criteria laid down in Council Directive No. 78/663/EEC and Council Directive No. 78/664/EEC respectively.

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