
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1982 No. 264

FOOD
COMPOSITION

The Erucic Acid in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1982

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>1st March 1982</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>9th March 1982</i>
<i>Coming into operation</i>		<i>30th March 1982</i>

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 by sections 4, 123 and 123A of the Food and Drugs Act 1955(1), and now vested in them(2) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations, after consultation in accordance with section 123(6) of the said Act with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by the regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Erucic Acid in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1982, and shall come into operation on 30th March 1982.

Amendment of the Erucic Acid in Food Regulations 1977

2. The Erucic Acid in Food Regulations 1977 are hereby amended by inserting between regulations 4 and 5 thereof the following regulation:—

“4A. The erucic acid content of the oils, fats and foods referred to in regulation 4 of these regulations shall be determined by the following procedure:—

(1) For screening purposes, whenever screening is deemed to be desirable, either the total docosenoic acid content or the total cis-docosenoic acid content may be determined, using the appropriate method provided by Article 2.1 of the Commission Directive of 25 July 1980 (80/891/EEC) relating to the Community method of analysis for determining the erucic acid content in oils and fats intended to be used as such for human consumption and foodstuffs containing added oils or fats(3) (hereinafter called “the Directive”).

(1) section 4 was amended and section 123A inserted by section 4(1) of and paragraph 3(1) and (2)(a) of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68).

(2) S.I. 1968/1699, 1978/272.

(3) O.J. No. L254, 27.9.80, p. 35.

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(2) If the screening process is dispensed with, or if the total content of either docosenoic or cis-docosenoic acid determined by it exceeds five per cent. or, in the case of any oil, fat or food manufactured before 1st July 1979, ten per cent., the erucic acid content shall be determined by the method set out in the Annex to the Directive.”

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 17th February 1982.

L.S.

Peter Walker
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

22nd February 1982

Norman Fowler
Secretary of State for Social Services

1st March 1982

Nicholas Edwards
Secretary of State for Wales

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

These regulations amend the Erucic Acid in Food Regulations 1977 by providing a Community method of analysis for determining the erucic acid content of oils, fats and foods intended for human consumption, in implementation of the Commission Directive [80/891/EEC](#).