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## CONSUMER PROTECTION

## The Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985

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Whereas the Secretary of State has, in accordance with the provisions of section 1(4) of the Consumer Safety Act 1978(a), consulted such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations and such other persons as he considers appropriate:

And whereas a draft of these Regulations has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 7(7) of the said Act:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 1 of the said Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Novelties (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on the day after the day on which they are made.

2. The Novelties (Safety) Regulations 1980 (b) are hereby amended in Regulation 2 by the addition after subparagraph (d) of the following words:—

“, or

(e) anything which is designed or intended to afford amusement to any person by causing discomfort to any other person by means of the use or exploitation of the ability or tendency of soap bark powder (*Quillaja saponaria*) or its derivatives containing saponins, powder of the roots of *Helleborus viridis* or of *Helleborus niger*, powder of the roots of *Veratrum album* or of *Veratrum nigrum*, benzidine or its derivatives, 2-nitrobenzaldehyde or wood powder to induce sneezing:”.

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4th February 1985.

(a) 1978 c.38.

(b) S.I. 1980/958.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend Regulation 2 of the Novelties (Safety) Regulations 1980 for the purpose of implementing Council Directive No. 76/769/EEC (OJ No L262, 27.9.1976, p.201), as amended by Council Directive No. 83/264/EEC (OJ No L147, 6.6.1983, p.9), in respect of item 10 of the Annex to the Directive. They prohibit persons from supplying, offering to supply, agreeing to supply, exposing for supply or possessing for supply sneezing powder and similar things designed or intended to be used as jokes or hoaxes and which contain certain substances. Those substances are:—

Soap bark powder (*Quillaja saponaria*) or its derivatives containing saponins,

Powder of the roots of *Helleborus viridis* or of *Helleborus niger*,

Powder of the roots of *Veratrum album* or of *Veratrum nigrum*,

Benzidine or its derivatives,

2-nitrobenzaldehyde,

Wood powder.

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