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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling

Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made	14*th December* 1976
Coming into operation—	
Except as provided in Regulation 1(*a*) *and* (*b*)	17*th January* 1977
In all respects	1*st January* 1978

The Department of Health and Social Services(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 4, 7, 68 and 68A of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 17th January 1977 except that—

(*a*) the amendments made by regulation 2 shall not have effect for the purposes of regulation 4 (which relates to the sale etc. of food containing colouring matter) and 5 (which prohibits the use of added colouring matter in specified foods but exempts husks containing nuts from the prohibition) of the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**c**), as amended(**d**), and of any other regulations made under section 4 or 7 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958, until 1st January 1978;

(*b*) regulation 3 shall come into operation on 1st January 1978.

Amendment of the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973

2. The Colouring Matter in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, as amended, shall be further amended—

(*a*) by deleting from the table in Part I of Schedule 1 thereto (which describes permitted colouring matters) the items relating to the following colouring matters:—

Fast Yellow AB	E105
Orchil or Orcein	E121
Solanthrene Blue RS or Anthragen Blue or Indanthrene Blue	E130
Black 7984	E152
Burnt Umber	E181

(a) *See* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 Article 5 and Schedule 2 Part I (p. 937) and 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8
(b) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 466 (II, p. 2705)
(d) S.R. 1975 No. 283 (II, p. 1370)

(*b*) by deleting from the table in Part II of Schedule 1 (which specifies the specific purity criteria relating to the colouring matters) the items relating to the following colouring matters:—

Fast Yellow AB	E105
Black 7984	E152
Burnt Umber	E181

(*c*) by deleting from Column 2 in Schedule 3 thereto (which specifies colouring matters permitted only in certain foods) the entry "Burnt Umber" in the item relating to hard cheese.

Amendment of the Cheese Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970

3. The Cheese Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(**e**), as amended(**f**), shall be further amended by deleting from paragraph (*d*)(iii) of regulation 11 thereof (which specifies permitted colouring matters which may be included as ingredients in processed cheese and cheese spread) the words "orchil (orcein),"

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 14th December 1976.

(L.S.)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These regulations which further amend the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, remove the colouring matters Fast Yellow AB E105, Orchil or Orcein E121, Solanthrene Blue RS or Anthragen Blue or Indanthrene Blue E130, Black 7984 E152 and Burnt Umber E181, from the list of colouring matters permitted in or on food.

The amendments come into operation on 17th January 1977 except that for the purposes of regulations 4 (which relates to the sale etc. of food containing colouring matter) and 5 (which prohibits the use of added colouring matter in specified foods but exempts husks containing nuts from the prohibition) of the principal regulations, and for the purposes of any other regulations made under section 4 or 7 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958, they do not take effect until 1st January 1978.

A consequential amendment to the Cheese Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970, as amended, is included (regulation 3) and this also comes into operation on 1st January 1978. This amendment removes orchil (orcein) from the list of permitted colouring matters in processed cheese and cheese spread.

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 14 (p. 27)
(f) S.R. 1974 No. 177 (I, p. 761)