(*a*) to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment; and

(*b*) in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

Legal Proceedings—Application of Act

5. In any prosecution for an offence under these regulations the relevant provisions of Sections 46, 48, 50 and 53 of the Act shall apply.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of November, nineteen hundred and sixty, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. L. O. Andrews,*
Minister of Health and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations prohibit, with certain exceptions, the use of mineral oil in the composition or preparation of any food sold or intended for sale for human consumption.

Similar regulations made under the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943, lapsed in Northern Ireland when the Defence Regulations were repealed.

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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition—Artificial Sweeteners in Food

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD NOVEMBER, 1960, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS 4 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections 4 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland), 1958(**a**), hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Artificial Sweeteners in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1960.

(**a**) 1958. c. 27.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland), 1958;

"artificial sweetener" means any chemical compound which is sweet to the taste, but does not include saccharin, any sugar or other carbohydrate or polyhydric alcohols;

"food" does not include ice cream;

"sell" includes offer or agree to sell or expose for sale.

3.—(1) No person shall use or permit to be used any artificial sweetener in the composition or preparation of any article of food intended for sale or sold for human consumption.

(2) No person shall sell or have in his possession for sale for human consumption any article of food containing any artificial sweetener.

Penalties

4. If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these regulations he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction—

(*a*) to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment; and

(*b*) in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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These regulations prohibit the use of artificial sweeteners, other than saccharin, in the composition or preparation of any food sold or intended for sale for human consumption.

Similar regulations made under the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943, lapsed in Northern Ireland when the Defence Regulations were repealed.