



**THE FOOD AND DRUG REGULATIONS 1946,  
AMENDMENT NO. 15**

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government House at Wellington this 5th day of August 1968

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Food and Drugs Act 1947, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

**REGULATIONS**

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Food and Drug Regulations 1946, Amendment No. 15, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Food and Drug Regulations 1946\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the fourteenth day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

**2. Preservatives for fruit juice**—Regulation 159 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking clause (4), and substituting the following clause:

“(4) Notwithstanding anything in clause (3) of regulation 27 of these regulations, the following preservative substances may be added to fruit juice:

“(a) Sulphur dioxide (or sulphites calculated as sulphur dioxide), in proportion not exceeding 250 parts per million by weight; or

“(b) Benzoic acid (or sodium benzoate calculated as benzoic acid), in proportion not exceeding 1,000 parts per million by weight; or

“(c) Sorbic acid (or potassium sorbate calculated as sorbic acid), in proportion not exceeding 1,000 parts per million by weight; or

“(d) Any combination of any of the preservative substances mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this clause:

“Provided that the amount of each such substance is such that when it is expressed as a percentage of the amount permitted singly the sum of the several percentages does not exceed 120.”

\*S.R. 1946/136 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 13: S.R. 1963/209)  
Amendment No. 14: S.R. 1965/67

See also the Food and Drug Temporary Regulations 1946 (S.R. 1946/162), (*regulations 5, 7, 8, 9, and 11 of which were revoked by S.R. 1947/152, 1949/158, 1950/138, and 1956/29.*)

**3. Preservatives for fruit syrups**—Regulation 161 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking clause (4), and substituting the following clause:

“(4) Notwithstanding anything in clause (3) of regulation 27 of these regulations, the following preservative substances may be added to fruit syrups:

- “(a) Sulphur dioxide (or sulphites calculated as sulphur dioxide), in proportion not exceeding 350 parts per million by weight; or
- “(b) Benzoic acid (or sodium benzoate calculated as benzoic acid), in proportion not exceeding 1,000 parts per million by weight; or
- “(c) Sorbic acid (or potassium sorbate calculated as sorbic acid), in proportion not exceeding 1,000 parts per million by weight; or
- “(d) Any combination of any of the preservative substances mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this clause:

“Provided that the amount of each such substance is such that when it is expressed as a percentage of the amount permitted singly the sum of the several percentages does not exceed 120.”

**4. Preservatives for fruit non-fermented beverages**—Regulation 167 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking clause (2), and substituting the following clause:

“(2) Notwithstanding anything in clause (3) of regulation 27 of these regulations, the following preservative substances may be added to fruit non-fermented beverages:

- “(a) Sulphur dioxide (or sulphites calculated as sulphur dioxide), in proportion not exceeding 115 parts per million by weight; or
- “(b) Benzoic acid (or sodium benzoate calculated as benzoic acid), in proportion not exceeding 400 parts per million by weight; or
- “(c) Sorbic acid (or potassium sorbate calculated as sorbic acid), in proportion not exceeding 400 parts per million by weight; or
- “(d) Any combination of any of the preservative substances mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this clause:

“Provided that the amount of each such substance is such that when it is expressed as a percentage of the amount permitted singly the sum of the several percentages does not exceed 120.”

**P. J. BROOKS,**  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Food and Drug Regulations 1946 by substituting new requirements in respect of the preservative substances which may be added to fruit juice, fruit syrups, and fruit non-fermented beverages. The preservative substances permitted to be added at present are sulphur dioxide or sodium benzoate or sorbic acid, but under the new requirements any combination of these substances may be added within the prescribed limits.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.