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**THE HEALTH (FOOD) AMENDING REGULATIONS 1941.**

C. L. N. NEWALL, Governor-General.

**ORDER IN COUNCIL.**

At the Government House at Wellington, this 22nd day of  
December, 1941.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to the Health Act, 1920, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

**REGULATIONS.**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health (Food) Amending Regulations 1941.

2. These regulations shall be read together with and deemed part of the regulations relating to the prevention of contamination of food during manufacture and sale made on the 21st day of July, 1924, and published in the *Gazette* on the 24th day of the same month at page 1710 (hereinafter called the principal regulations).

3. Regulation 12 of the principal regulations is amended by revoking clause (19) thereof, as inserted by the regulations made on the 1st day of July, 1936, and published in the *Gazette* of the 9th day of the same month at page 1300, and substituting the following:—

“(19) (1) In these regulations stale milk shall be deemed to be milk which, when subjected to the reductase test, shall completely decolorize the methylene blue in less than four hours.

“(2) In any proceeding for an offence against these regulations the fact that on the application of the reductase test the methylene blue was completely decolorized in less than four hours shall not be sufficient evidence that the milk was stale, unless—

“(i) The reductase test was applied within six hours after the milk was purchased or otherwise procured; and

“(ii) The milk was continuously kept in an ice-cooled box from the time when it was purchased or otherwise procured as aforesaid until the application of the test.

## “METHOD OF APPLYING REDUCTASE TEST.

“(3) A solution is prepared by dissolving 0.1 gram of powdered methylene blue (not the zinc salt) in two hundred and seventy millilitres of water. Immediately prior to use one part of the solution is diluted with nine parts of water. One millilitre of the diluted solution is mixed with ten millilitres of the milk in a test tube, which is then closed with a rubber stopper. The contents of the tube are then mixed by inverting the tube once and returning it to the upright position. The tube is then immersed to at least the level of the contained liquid in water maintained at a temperature between 37° C. and 38° C. in a bath from which light is excluded. Every half hour the tube is inverted once and returned to the upright position.”

T. J. SHERRARD,  
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

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