



THE HEALTH (FOOD) AMENDING REGULATIONS 1946

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 4th day of December, 1946

Present :

THE RIGHT HON. P. FRASER PRESIDING 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 1946.

2. These regulations shall be read with and form part of the Regulations relating to the Prevention of Contamination of Food during Manufacture and Sale, made under the Health Act, 1920, 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 8 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding thereto the following heading and additional clause :—

Wrapping of Bread

“(8) No person shall sell any bread by retail sale unless it is enclosed in clean paper or other suitable material, in such manner as to prevent its coming into contact with human hands, and its contamination by dust or flies: Provided that the requirements of this clause shall not apply where the bread is conveyed direct from the bakehouse to the dwelling of the consumer.”

4. The requirements of clause (8) of Regulation 8 of the principal regulations, as enacted by the last preceding regulation, shall not apply within the district of any local authority save in so far and from such date as may be specified by the Minister of Health by notice published in the *Gazette*.

5. Clause (6) of Regulation 8 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph :—

“(f) No person shall remove any bread intended for human consumption from any bakehouse unless each loaf is enclosed in a wrapper of paper or other suitable material in such a manner as to protect it from contamination.”

6. The requirements of paragraph (f) of clause (6) of Regulation 8 of the principal regulations, as enacted by the last preceding regulation, shall not come into force in the district of any local authority until the 1st day of January, 1948, or such earlier date as may be notified by the Minister of Health by notice published in the *Gazette*.

7. Regulation 9 of the principal regulations is amended by adding thereto the following heading and additional clause:—

“ *Storing and Labelling of Meat-pickling Preparations*

“(6) (a) In this clause—

“ ‘Meat-pickling preparation’ means any substance used in the preparation of meat, and containing nitrite or nitrate, or both nitrite and nitrate, but shall not include any substance in which the proportion of nitrite does not exceed one-half of one part per centum by weight, or in which the proportion of nitrate does not exceed five parts per centum by weight :

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“ ‘Preparation of meat’ means the preparation of meat for sale for human consumption by means of boning, curing, canning, salting, or mincing, or by means of any similar process.

“(b) No person shall keep, or cause or permit to be kept, on any premises used for the preparation of meat, or in any butcher’s shop, any meat-pickling preparation which is not kept in accordance with the requirements of this regulation.

“(c) The meat-pickling preparation shall be kept in a container of metal or glass or cardboard.

“(d) The container shall bear a label setting out the matters hereinafter prescribed.

“(e) The label shall set out explicit directions as to the manner in which the contents shall be used.

“(f) The label shall set out in bold-faced sans-serif capital letters of not less size than 8-points face measurement the proportion and the chemical name of every nitrite and nitrate constituent present in the contents.

“(g) If the meat-pickling preparation contains any nitrite, the label shall contain in bold-faced sans-serif capital letters of not less size than 8-points face measurement the following words:—

“ ‘DANGER.—The contents of this package are not harmless unless used in accordance with the directions hereon. Excessive quantities may cause severe and possibly fatal poisoning.’ ”

W. O. HARVEY,
Clerk of the Executive Council.