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THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS AMENDING REGULATIONS 1940, NO. 2.

GALWAY, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 31st day of July, 1940.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1908, 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 Sale of Food and Drugs Amending Regulations 1940, No. 2.

2. These regulations shall be read together with and form part of the regulations relating to the Sale of Food and Drugs made on the 23rd day of June, 1924* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

3. Regulation 21 of the principal regulations relating to packages and containers is amended by prefixing "(1)" to the text thereof, and by adding the following clause :—

"(2) No person shall bottle ginger-beer or any other beverage for sale in a stoneware bottle unless such stoneware bottle was the property of such person on the 1st day of August, 1940."

4. Clause (1) of Regulation 42 of the principal regulations, as amended by regulations made on the 21st day of December, 1925, is revoked, and the following substituted :—

"42. (1) (a) Milk shall be the normal, clean, and fresh secretion obtained by completely emptying the udder of the healthy cow, properly fed and kept, excluding that got during four days immediately following on parturition. It shall contain not less than eight and five-tenths parts per centum of milk solids other than milk fat, and not less than three and one-quarter parts per centum of milk fat. It shall not contain any added water or any other added substance.

"(b) The bacterial condition of milk shall be such that when subjected to the reductase test carried out in the manner prescribed in paragraph (d) of this regulation it shall not completely decolorize the methylene blue in less than four hours.

* Gazette, 26th June, 1924, Vol. II, page 1505.

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"(c) A reductase test may be commenced at any time within a period of six hours after the time at which the sample is purchased or otherwise procured, provided the sample shall have been kept continuously in an ice-cooled box from the time of the completion of taking the sample until the commencement of the test.

" Method of applying Reductase Test.

"(d) 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."

C. A. JEFFERY, Clerk of the Executive Council.

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