

Food and Drugs Authorities,  
Public Analysts.

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21st December, 1955.

SIR,

**Labelling of Food (Amendment) Regulations, 1955; Food Standards  
(Butter and Margarine) Regulations, 1955**

1. I am directed by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to enclose for the information of your Authority copies of the Labelling of Food (Amendment) Regulations, 1955, and the Food Standards (Butter and Margarine) Regulations, 1955.

2. These amending regulations, made jointly by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Health under powers conferred by sections 4 (1) (a) and 7 (1) of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, re-enact with certain modifications the provisions of sections 32 and 33 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, which the new Act repealed.

3. It will be observed that the limits of water in butter and water and milk-fat in margarine prescribed in section 32 of the 1938 Act are maintained, but provision is no longer made for the manufacture and sale of milk-blended butter, a product which now has no commercial significance. The use in relation to margarine of names and pictorial devices referring to, or suggestive of, butter or anything connected with the dairy interest is prohibited. In other respects, however, the requirements as to labelling are less restrictive than those in sections 33 (2) (c) and (d) of the 1938 Act; and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is no longer responsible for the approval of fancy names for margarine. Any claim on labels or in advertisements that margarine is made with or contains cream or milk must be accompanied by a statement of the butter equivalent.

4. A consequential amendment of the Labelling of Food Order arising from section 47 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, is the substitution of the word "imitation" for "synthetic" in item 3 of Table A of the First Schedule.

5. Copies of this circular and the enclosures are being sent direct to the Medical Officer of Health and to the Public Analyst, and a copy of each is enclosed for the Sampling Officer. Further copies may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk of the Council  
or  
The Town Clerk.

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