

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (PRESERVATIVES IN FOOD) (PURITY CRITERIA)
REGULATIONS 1989**

The Minister for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 3 of the European Communities Act, 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

REG 1

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Preservatives in Food) (Purity Criteria) Regulations, 1989.

REG 2

2. (1) In these Regulations—
"the Council Directive" means Council Directive 65/66/EEC1 as amended by Council Directives 67/428/EEC2, 76/463/EEC3 and 86/604/EEC4.
1Official Journal of the European Communities 9/2/65, No. 373/65 (Pages 21 to 28).
2Official Journal of the European Communities 11/7/67, No. 148/10 (Pages 43 to 44).
3Official Journal of the European Communities 14/5/76, No. L126 (Pages 33 to 36).
4Official Journal of the European Communities 13/12/86 L352 Page 45.
(2) In these Regulations words and phrases shall have the same meaning as in the Council Directive.

REG 3

3. Subject to article 6 of these Regulations, no preservative shall be manufactured, prepared, imported, distributed or sold in the State unless such preservative complies with the specific purity criteria applicable to that preservative in the Council Directive.

REG 4

4. A person who contravenes these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding £50 for each day the offence is continued.

REG 5

5. These Regulations shall be enforced in the functional area of a health board by the health board.

REG 6

6. These Regulations shall not apply to preservatives for export or re-export.

REG 7

7. The European Communities (Preservatives in Food) (Purity Criteria) Regulations, 1981 (S.I. No. 184 of 1981) are hereby revoked.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for Health this 13th day of October, 1989.

RORY O'HANLON,
Minister for Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The Regulations prescribe specific purity criteria for preservatives for use in foodstuffs for human consumption. They revoke and replace the European Communities (Preservatives in Food) (Purity Criteria) Regulations, 1981 (S.I. No. 184 of 1981).

The Regulations implement Directive 65/66/EEC as amended by Council Directives 67/428/EEC, 76/463/EEC and 86/604/EEC.