

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (PRESERVATIVES IN FOOD) (PURITY CRITERIA)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1992**

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), for the purpose of giving full effect to the Council Directive No. 89/397/EEC of the 14th June, 1989 on the Official Control of Foodstuffs(1) hereby makes the following Regulations:  
(1) Official Journal of the European Communities O.J. No. L186 (pages 23-26).

REG 1

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Preservatives in Food) (Purity Criteria) (Amendment) Regulations, 1992.

REG 2

2. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 22nd day of April, 1992.

REG 3

3. Article 6 of the European Communities (Preservatives in Food) (Purity Criteria) Regulations, 1989 (S.I. No. 262 of 1989) is hereby deleted and the following article substituted therefor:—

"6. In any proceedings for an offence under these Regulations, it shall be a defence for the person charged to show that the preservative in respect of which the offence is alleged to have been committed was intended for export and complied with the importing country's domestic food legislation relevant to the alleged offence."

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for Health, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 1992.

JOHN O'CONNELL,  
Minister for Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

These Regulations are a further implementation of EC Directive 89/397/EEC on the Official Control of Foodstuffs.

The exemption previously provided for in the case of export or re-export is replaced with a new provision.