

P.U. (A) 421

**FOOD ACT 1983
FOOD (AMENDMENT) (No. 4) REGULATION 2000**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 34 of the Food Act 1983 [Act 281], the Minister makes the following regulations :

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the **Food (Amendment) (4) Regulation 2000.**

New regulation 20A

2. Food Regulations 1985 [P.U.(A) 437/85] which in these Regulations are referred to as the "principal Regulations", are amended by inserting after regulation 20, the following regulation :

"Antimicrobial Agent 20A. (1) In these Regulations, "antimicrobial agent" means any substances used to preserve food by preventing the growth of microorganisms and subsequent spoilage, including fungistats, mould and rope inhibitors, or to sterilize polymeric food-contact surfaces.

- (2) The substances specified in the heading to columns (2) of Table I

to the Sixth Schedule A shall be the permitted antimicrobial agent within the meaning and for the purposes of these Regulations.

(3) Notwithstanding subregulation (2), the addition of antimicrobial agent to food is prohibited except as otherwise permitted by these Regulations.

(4) Where otherwise permitted by these Regulations, the antimicrobial agent set out in the heading to columns (2) of Table 1 to the Sixth Schedule A may be added to the foods specified in column (1) thereof in proportions not greater than the maximum permitted proportions specified opposite those foods in the columns thereof applicable to the antimicrobial agent".

Amendment of regulation 63

3. Regulation 63(3) of the principal Regulations is amended by substituting for subregulation (3) the following subregulation :

"(3) Pasta may contain permitted colouring substance and sulphur dioxide or sulphites as a permitted food conditioner not exceeding 200 mg/kg".

New Sixth (A) Schedule

4. The Principal Regulations are amended by inserting after Sixth Schedule, the following new Sixth (A) Schedule :

" SIXTH (A) SCHEDULE "
(Regulation 20A)

PERMITTED ANTIMICROBIAL AGENT THAT MAY BE USED AND THE MAXIMUM

PERMITTED PROPORTION IN EACH CASE.

TABLE I

(1)	ANTIMICROBIAL AGENT <i>[Maximum permitted proportion in milligram per kilogram (mg/kg)].</i>	
	(2)	(3)
Application	Chlorine dioxide (or Chlorine (IV) oxide or Chlorine peroxide)	Hydrogen peroxide
* Ice for postharvest handling for fish	20	Nil

NOTE :

* The ice permitted to be used should be differentiated physically from the edible ice for human consumption.

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