

L.N. 242 of 2015**FOOD SAFETY ACT
(CAP. 449)****Honey (Amendment) Regulations, 2015**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 10 of the Food Safety Act, the Parliamentary Secretary for Health has made the following regulations:-

Citation, scope
and
commencement.
S.L. 449.38

1.1 The title of these regulations is the Honey (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Honey Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

1.2 These regulations implement the provisions of Directive 2014/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 2001/110/EC relating to honey.

1.3 These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on 24th June, 2015 provided that:

1.3.1 Products falling within the scope of these regulations which do not conform with these regulations but which conform with the provisions of the principal regulations may be placed on the market until the 24th June 2015.

1.3.2 Products falling within the scope of these regulations which do not conform with these regulations but which conform with the provisions of the principal regulations and which were labelled before 24th June 2015, may continue to be marketed until stocks are exhausted.

Amends
regulation 4 of
the principal
regulations.

2. Regulation 4 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-regulation 4.4 thereof shall be substituted by the following:

"4.4 The country or countries of origin where the honey has been harvested shall be indicated on the label.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this sub-regulation, if the honey originates in more than one Member State or in a third country, the indication of the

countries of origin may be replaced by one of the following, as appropriate:

- "blend of EU honeys",
- "blend of non-EU honeys",
- "blend of EU and non-EU honeys."; and

(b) immediately after sub-regulation 4.6 thereof there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"4.7 Pollen, being a natural constituent particular to honey, shall not be considered to be an ingredient, within the meaning of point (f) of Article 2(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council (*), of the products defined in the First Schedule."

3. Regulation 5 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following:

Substitutes regulation 5 of the principal regulations.

"5. For the purposes of the second paragraph of Article 9 of Council Directive 2001/110/EC, verification of compliance of honey with the provisions of these regulations shall be carried out using the methods adopted by the European Commission, which may, taking into account international standards and technical progress, by means of implementing acts that are in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (**), set out methods of analysis to verify whether honey is compliant with the provisions of Directive 2001/110/EC. Until the adoption of such methods, whenever possible, internationally recognised validated methods of analysis shall be utilised, such as those approved by the Codex Alimentarius, to verify compliance with the provisions of Council Directive 2001/110/EC."

* Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers, amending Regulations (EC) No 1924/2006 and (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Commission Directive 87/250/EEC, Council Directive 90/496/EEC, Commission Directive 1999/10/EC, Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Commission Directives 2002/67/EC and 2008/5/EC and Commission Regulation (EC) No 608/2004 (OJ L 304, 22.11.2011, p. 18).

** Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules (OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

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Amends the
Second
Schedule to the
principal
regulations.

4. The third paragraph of the Second Schedule to the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following:

"Without prejudice to paragraph 2(b)(viii) of the First Schedule, neither pollen nor any other constituent particular to honey, may be removed except where this is unavoidable in the removal of foreign inorganic or organic matter."

