

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION 231.17**CANNED FOOD REGULATIONS**

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LEGAL NOTICE 142 of 1977.

- 1.** The title of these Regulations is Canned Food Regulations. Title.
- 2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires - Interpretation.
- "the Act" means the Food, Drugs and Drinking Water Act; Cap. 231.
- "animals" includes poultry and rabbits;
- "canned food" means food contained in a hermetically sealed container whether the said container is made of metal, glass or other material;
- "carbohydrate" means a substance containing carbon, hydrogen and oxygen only, in which the hydrogen and oxygen occur in the same proportion as in water;
- "permitted colouring matter" has the same meaning as is assigned to it in the Use of Colours in Foodstuffs Regulations; S.L. 231.30
- "permitted sweetening agent" means -
- (i) saccharine as is defined in the edition of the British Pharmacopoeia current for the time being, and
- (ii) sorbitol having the formula $C_6H_{14}O_6(+\frac{1}{2} 1H_2O)$;
- "pesticide" has the same meaning as is assigned to it in the Pesticides (Control of Importation, Sale and Use) Act; Cap. 192.
- "to sell" includes to offer, expose, advertise or keep for sale and to supply by way of compensation or otherwise.
- 3.** No person shall sell any canned product prepared or manufactured from any food - Prohibition of sale of certain canned food.
- (a) which is deteriorated or unwholesome or toxic;
- (b) which is derived from a diseased animal;
- (c) which is derived from a deteriorated animal or animal product, deteriorated fish or fish product, or deteriorated fruit, legume, vegetable or other like product;
- (d) to which has been added any colouring matter other than a permitted colouring matter;
- (e) which contains any preservative or any food additive not permitted by the Act or by any regulations made thereunder;
- (f) which contains any sweetening agent other than a carbohydrate, unless -
- (i) the canned product has been prepared or

	<p>imported under a licence granted by the Superintendent of Public Health for the preparation, importation or sale of food for diabetics or dietary purposes;</p> <p>(ii) the sweetening agent is a permitted sweetening agent; and</p> <p>(iii) the canned product bears a label with the words "for diabetics" or "for dietary purposes"; or</p> <p>(g) which contains any pesticide or other contaminant or any foreign matter except as permitted by or under the Act or any regulations made thereunder.</p>
Prohibition of importation and sale.	<p>4. No person shall import or sell any canned food, or any food intended to be sold as canned food, unless such food complies in all respects with the provisions of these Regulations.</p>
Contents of canned food.	<p>5. Canned food may contain also any one or more of the following:</p> <p>(i) carbohydrate;</p> <p>(ii) vinegar;</p> <p>(iii) alcohol;</p> <p>(iv) spices and seasonings;</p> <p>(v) edible oil;</p> <p>(vi) citric acid;</p> <p>(vii) lemon juice;</p> <p>(viii) ascorbic acid;</p> <p>(ix) salt, and</p> <p>(x) flour, including soya flour.</p>
Heat processed canned food.	<p>6. Where canned food is heat processed, either before or after sealing, the processing shall be at a temperature and for a time sufficient -</p> <p>(a) to prevent the survival of any micro-organisms capable of producing toxics;</p> <p>(b) to inactivate micro-organisms capable of development under non-refrigerated (normal) conditions of storage;</p> <p>(c) in the case of products with an equilibrium pH above 4.5, to destroy all spores of <i>Clostridium botulinum</i>.</p>
Prohibition of certain contents in canned food.	<p>7. No person shall import or sell any canned food containing -</p> <p>(a) insects, insect fragments, insect larvae or insect eggs; or</p> <p>(b) moulds; or</p> <p>(c) cysts or other parasites.</p>
Records.	<p>8. (1) Any person who owns, or who is responsible for the management of, a factory used for canning food as well as any person who imports canned food shall keep, or cause to be kept, records of coding system or systems adequate for identifying the canned products produced or imported by him, as the case may be, and, in the case of canned food produced by him and which has</p>

been heat processed, such records shall contain details as to the heat processing.

(2) Each of the records as are referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be kept for a period of three years and shall be made available for inspection by the Sanitary Authority.

9. No person may import canned meat, canned meat products or canned food containing meat unless - Importation of
canned meat, etc.

- (a) each consignment of such food is accompanied by a document or documents to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Health, such document or documents showing in particular -
- (i) that the meat from which was prepared the canned product to which the document, or documents, relates was derived from animals which were inspected, in the country of origin of the meat, before and after death and were found free of disease at the time of slaughter;
 - (ii) that all the dressings, preparation, processing, packing and labelling of the meat was carried out with such precautions and with such materials and equipment and in such a manner as to preclude any danger to health, and
- (b) the meat was prepared in a plant or establishment acceptable to the Superintendent of Public Health.
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