

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

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**AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE  
STANDARDS OF FOOD, DRUGS AND DISINFECTANTS**

The President has under section 15(1) of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Ordinance, 1979 (Ordinance 18 of 1979), with effect from a date six months after the date of publication of this notice, further amended the Regulations relating to the Standards of Food, Drugs and Disinfectants promulgated under Government Notice 195 of 1968 as set out in the Schedule.

## SCHEDULE

1. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 41:

## "SALT

41. (1) All types of *salt* referred to in subregulation (2) shall be crystalline sodium chloride and shall contain

- (a) not more than 50 p.p.m. of fluorine; and
- (b) not less than 50 p.p.m. and not more than 80 p.p.m. of iodine added in the form of potassium iodate (KIO<sub>3</sub>).

(2) Subject to subregulation (1) -

- (a) *table salt* shall contain not less than 98,4 per cent of sodium chloride in its water-free substance and not more than 4 per cent of moisture and a 10 per cent weight by volume solution in water of the salt shall be a clear and colourless solution with a neutral reaction;
- (b) *household salt* shall contain not less than 97 per cent of sodium chloride in its water-free substance and not more than 0,2 per cent of matter insoluble in water;
- (c) *free-running table salt* shall be finely grained table salt to which has been added not more than 1 per cent of a free-running agent;
- (d) *flavoured salt* shall be a combination of free-running table salt and harmless, natural or artificial flavouring substances;
- (e) *onion salt*, *garlic salt* and *celery salt* shall be a combination of free-running table salt and powdered onion, garlic and celery, respectively, and shall contain not more than 90 per cent of salt.

(3) Salt referred to in subregulation (2) shall -

- (a) be packed in containers made of mono filament or polypropylene with lining or coating on the inside or any other containers which are moisture-proof and, in the case of bulk packing, a packing unit shall not exceed 50 kilograms; and
- (b) be conveyed, distributed, stored and kept for sale in the same container in which the salt was originally packed or in which it was packed from a bulk packing unit.

(4) A container of salt, referred to in subregulation (2), shall bear a label disclosing -

- (a) the word "iodised" prominently in a size not less than type G;

- (b) the words "table salt", "free-running table salt", "household salt", "flavoured salt", "onion salt", "garlic salt" or "celery salt", as the case may be, in a size not less than type G and in immediate conjunction with each other;
- (c) in the case where any artificial flavouring is used in flavoured salt, the words "artificial salt", "synthetic salt" or "imitation salt" as the case may be, in a size not less than type G and in immediate conjunction with each other; and
- (d) the month and year of manufacture, net weight of the salt, iodine compound used (namely potassium iodate or the abbreviation thereof) and level of iodine (p.p.m.),

and such label shall also contain a caution to consumers to store the salt in a manner protecting it from direct exposure to moisture, heat and sunlight.

(5) A container of salt, referred to in subregulation (2), stored or exposed for the purpose of sale shall -

- (a) not be placed in direct contact with a wall of the room in which the container is kept; and
- (b) be kept closed or sealed so as to be moisture-proof.

(6) No person shall sell for human consumption any salt other than a type of salt contemplated in subregulation (2)."

2. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 45:

#### "PENALTIES

45. Any person who sells any article of food or any drug or disinfectant or any other article mentioned in these regulations which is not in accordance with any provision or requirement of these regulations or who otherwise contravenes or fails to comply with any such provision or requirement shall be guilty of an offence and be liable -

- (a) on a first conviction, to a fine not exceeding N\$500;
- (b) on a second conviction, to a fine not exceeding N\$1 000;
- (c) on a third or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding N\$2 000;

or, if it is proved that the offence was wilfully committed, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both the fine concerned and that imprisonment."

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