

**Circular FSH 54/67**  
*(England and Wales)*

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*Public Analysts.*

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SIR,

**The Artificial Sweeteners in Food Regulations, 1967**

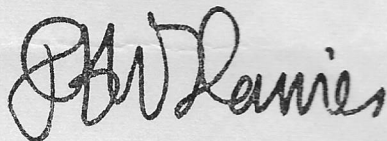
1. I am directed by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to enclose for the information of your Authority a copy of the Artificial Sweeteners in Food Regulations, 1967, which he has made jointly with the Minister of Health.
2. These regulations supersede the Food Standards (Saccharin Tablets) Order, 1953 and the Artificial Sweeteners in Food Order, 1953.
3. The regulations: —
  - (a) with effect from 1st August, 1967 permit the sale of cyclamic acid, calcium cyclamate, sodium cyclamate and saccharin as artificial sweeteners in sweetening tablets;
  - (b) with effect from 1st December, 1967, permit the use of these artificial sweeteners in food sold for human consumption;
  - (c) lay down compositional requirements for sweetening tablets containing permitted artificial sweeteners;
  - (d) prescribe the names by which artificial sweetening tablets are to be described on labels;
  - (e) prescribe specifications of purity for the permitted artificial sweeteners;
  - (f) until 1st December, 1967, permit the sale of any artificial sweeteners or any food containing artificial sweetener which in either case complies with the requirements of the Artificial Sweeteners in Food Order, 1953;
  - (g) amend the definitions of "sweetened" in the Lead in Food Regulations, 1961 and the Preservatives in Food Regulations, 1962.
4. The regulations also provide that where any artificial sweeteners or any other food containing artificial sweeteners certified by a public analyst as being food which it is an offence against regulations 5 and 10 to use, consign, deliver or import into England and Wales may be treated for the purposes of Section 9 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, as being food unfit for human consumption.

5. The regulations do not apply to any food or artificial sweetener intended for export.

6. A copy of this circular and the regulations are being sent to the Medical Officer of Health, and a copy of each is enclosed for the Public Health Inspector or Sampling Officer. Further copies may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk of the Council,  
or  
The Town Clerk.  
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