## L.N. 225 of 2003

## FOOD ADULTERATION (ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2003

(Made under section 55(1A) of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132))

## 1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 19 December 2003.

## 2. Citation amended

Regulation 1 of the Food Adulteration (Artificial Sweeteners) Regulations (Cap. 132 sub. leg. U) is amended by repealing "Food Adulteration (Artificial Sweeteners)" and substituting "Sweeteners in Food".

## 3. Interpretation

Regulation 2 is amended, in the definition of "artificial sweetener", by repealing "artificial sweetener" (人造糖)" and substituting "sweetener" (甜味劑)".

## 4. Restriction on sale and use of sweeteners

- (1) Regulation 3(1) is amended by repealing "artificial".
- (2) Regulation 3(2) is amended by repealing "artificial".

# 5. Application to air transit or air transhipment cargo

Regulation 3A is amended by repealing "artificial" wherever it appears.

## 6. Schedule substituted

The Schedule is repealed and the following substituted—

#### "SCHEDULE

#### PERMITTED SWEETENERS

- 1. Acesulfame Potassium
- 2. Alitame
- 3. Aspartame
- 4. Aspartame-acesulfame Salt
- 5. Cyclamic Acid (and Sodium, Potassium, Calcium Salts)
- 6. Saccharin (and Sodium, Potassium, Calcium Salts)
- 7. Sucralose
- 8. Thaumatin".

#### **Consequential Amendments**

#### **Preservatives in Food Regulations**

#### 7. Interpretation

Regulation 2(1) of the Preservatives in Food Regulations (Cap. 132 sub. leg. BD) is amended, in the definition of "sweetened", by repealing "artificial sweetener inasmuch as its use is permitted by the Food Adulteration (Artificial Sweeteners) Regulations (Cap. 132 sub. leg.)" and substituting "sweetener inasmuch as its use is permitted by the Sweeteners in Food Regulations (Cap. 132 sub. leg. U)".

### 8. First Schedule amended

The First Schedule is amended, in item 66 of Part I, by repealing "artificial".

Dr. E. K. YEOH Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food

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## **Explanatory Note**

This Regulation—

(a) amends the Food Adulteration (Artificial Sweeteners) Regulations (Cap. 132 sub. leg. U) to—

- (i) change the citation to the Sweeteners in Food Regulations;(ii) change all references of "artificial sweetener" to "sweetener";
- (iii) replace the Schedule with a new one containing 4 additional permitted sweeteners;
- (b) makes consequential amendments to the Preservatives in Food Regulations (Cap. 132 sub. leg. BD).