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**PART I AMENDMENTS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL  
SERVICES ORDINANCE (CAP. 132)**

**Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132)**

**Food Adulteration (Artificial Sweeteners) (Amendment) Regulation 2003  
(L.N. 225)**

**Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulation 2003  
(L.N. 226)**

Food Adulteration (Artificial Sweeteners) (Amendment) Regulation 2003 (L.N. 225)

The Food Adulteration (Artificial Sweeteners) Regulations (Cap. 132 sub. leg. U) ("the Regulations") are made under section 55(1A) of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) ("the Principal Ordinance") to restrict the sale, consignment, delivery or importation of any artificial sweetener for human consumption or any food intended for human consumption containing any artificial sweetener except those specified in the Schedule to the Regulations.

2. This Amendment Regulation:

- (a) changes the citation of the Regulations to Sweeteners in Food Regulations;
- (b) replaces all references of "artificial sweetener" in the Regulations by "sweetener";
- (c) substitutes the existing Schedule by a new Schedule containing four additional permitted sweeteners; and
- (d) makes consequential amendments to the definition of "sweetened" in and the First Schedule to the Preservatives in Food Regulations (Cap. 132 sub. leg. BD).

3. Members may wish to refer to the LegCo Brief (File Ref: HWF(F) 5/1/8/1) issued by the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau in October 2003 for further information.

4. This Amendment Regulation shall come into operation on 19 December 2003.

Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulation 2003 (L.N. 226)

5. The Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132 sub. leg. W) ("the Regulations") are made under section 55(1) of the Principal Ordinance to make provisions for the standards of composition, marking and labelling of foods, drugs and prepackaged food. Schedule 3 to the Regulations requires that an additive constituting one of the ingredients of a prepackaged food shall be listed by its specific name or by the appropriate category ("Category") or by both name and Category.

6. This Amendment Regulation:

- (a) replaces the Category of "Artificial sweetener" with "Sweetener"; and
- (b) allows as a transitional arrangement an additive constituting an ingredient of a prepackaged food listed under the old Category of "Artificial sweetener" to continue to be sold until 18 June 2005.

7. Members may wish to refer to the LegCo Brief (File Ref: HWF(F) 5/1/8/1) issued by the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau in October 2003 for further information.

8. This Amendment Regulation shall come into operation on 19 December 2003.

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