

L.N. 45 of 1984

FOOD, DRUGS AND DRINKING WATER ACT, 1972
(ACT NO. XL OF 1972)

Soft Drinks (Amendment) Regulations, 1984

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 12 of the Food, Drugs and Drinking Water Act, 1972 the Minister of Health, on the advice of the Food Standards Board, has made the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Soft Drinks (Amendment) Regulations, 1984 and shall be read and construed as one with the Soft Drinks Regulations, 1978. hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.
Citation.
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1978
2. For the definition of “permitted artificial sweetener” in regulation 2 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:
“permitted artificial sweetener” means saccharine, calcium saccharine and sodium saccharine as defined and described in the edition of the British Pharmacopeia current for the time being, as well as aspartame (in accordance with the specific purity criteria laid down in Schedule 5 to these regulations);”.
Amends
regulation 2 of
the principal
regulations.
3. Paragraph (3) of regulation 5 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:
 - (a) immediately after the words “or saccharine calcium” there shall be added the words “or aspartame”; and
 - (b) immediately at the end thereof there shall be added the following proviso:
“Provided that where a soft drink contains aspartame there shall also be an indication on the label that aspartame contains phenylalanine.”.Amends
regulation 5 of
the principal
regulations.
4. Schedules 1 to 4 to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:
 - (a) for the title to column 4 of the Schedules there shall be substituted in each case the words “Maximum quantity of saccharine, calcium saccharine or sodium saccharine per 45.4 litres”;
 - (b) column 5 of Schedule 1 shall be renumbered column 6; and
 - (c) by the insertion of a new column 5 in each of the Schedules, with the heading “Maximum quantity of permitted aspartame in the beverage as consumed” and in respect of each item in these Schedules there shall be entered the figure “0.1 %”.Amends
Schedules 1 to 4
to the principal
regulations.

Addition of
new Schedule
to the principal
regulations.

5. Immediately after Schedule 4 to the principal regulations there shall be added the following new Schedule:

"SCHEDULE 5

(Regulation 2)

Specific Purity for Aspartame

Chemical name	(3S) — 3 — Amino — N(αS) — α — methylcarbonyl-phenethyl) succinamic acid.
Synonym	L-Aspartyl-L-phenylalanine methylester.
Empirical formula	$C_{14}H_{18}N_2O_5$
Molecular weight	294.3
Description	White, odourless, crystalline powder with an intensely sweet taste.
Content	Not less than 98.0% of $C_{14}H_{18}N_2O_5$ on a volatile matter-free basis.
Volatile Matter	Not more than 4.5% (determined by drying at 105°C to constant weight).
Specific rotation, (α) 20°C	Not less than + 12.5°C and not more than + 17.5°C (determined by using a 4% weight/volume solution on a volatile matter-free basis in 15M formic acid).
pH of 0.8% aqueous solution	Not less than 4.0 and not more than 6.5.
Sulphated ash	Not more than 0.2% after ignition at 800 ± 25°C.
5-Benzyl-3, 6-dioxo-2-piper-azineacetic acid	Not more than 1.5%.