L.N. 71 of 2026

FOOD SAFETY ACT
(CAP. 449)

Fruit Jams and Similar Products (Amendment) Regulations 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 10 of the Food Safety Act, the Minister responsible for food has made the following regulations:-

Citation, scope and commencement. S.L. 449.41.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Fruit Jams and Similar Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with Fruit Jams and Similar Products Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations".

(2) The scope of these regulations is to transpose Directive (EU) 2024/1438 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 amending Council Directives 2001/110/EC relating to honey, 2001/112/EC relating to fruit juices and certain similar products intended for human consumption, 2001/113/EC relating to fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and sweetened chestnut purée intended for human consumption, and 2001/114/EC relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption.

(3) These regulations shall come into force on the 14th of June 2026.

Adds a new regulation to the principal regulations.

2. Immediately after regulation 1.2 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new regulation:

"1.3 These regulations also transpose the provisions of Directive 2024/1438/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 2001/113/EC relating to fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and sweetened chestnut purée intended for human consumption.".

Adds a new regulation to the principal regulations.

3. Immediately after regulation 2.2 of the principal

regulations there shall be added the following new regulation:

"2.3. Products which are placed on the market or labelled before 14 June 2026 in accordance with Directive 2001/113/EC relating to fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and sweetened chestnut purée intended for human consumption may continue to be marketed until the exhaustion of stocks.".

Amends regulation 4 of the principal regulations.

4. In regulation 4 of the principal regulations the words "The Labelling, Presentation and Advertising of Food stuffs Regulations shall apply to the products defined in the First Schedule, subject to the following conditions:" shall be substituted by the words "Regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers shall apply to the products defined in the First Schedule, subject to the following conditions:".

Amends regulation 4.2 of the principal regulations.

5. In regulation 4.2 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"4.2.1 By way of derogation from regulation 4.2, if the Food Safety and Security Authority does not authorise the use of the terms "marmalade" and "extra marmalade" for the product names "jam" and "extra jam", as provided for in the first (1) and second (2) item of Part I of the First Schedule, they may authorise the use of the indication "mixed fruit marmalade" or "'x' fruits marmalade", where 'x' is the number of fruits, in the case of citrus marmalade manufactured from three (3) or more fruits.".

Deletion of regulation 4.4 of the principal regulations.

6. Regulation 4.4 and sub-regulation 4.4.1 of the principal regulations shall be deleted.

Substitutes regulation 4.5 of the principal regulations.

7. Regulation 4.5 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"4.5. The details referred to in regulation 4.3 shall appear in the same visual field as the product name and in clearly visible characters.";

Deletion of regulation 4.6 of the principal regulations.

8. Regulation 4.6 of the principal regulations shall be deleted.

Substitutes regulation 5.1 of the principal regulations.

9. Regulation 5.1 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new regulation:

"5.1. Only the ingredients listed in the Second Schedule

and raw materials which comply with the Third Schedule may be used in the manufacture of the products referred to in the First Schedule.".

10. The First Schedule of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends the First Schedule to the principal regulations.

(a) items 1 and 2 in Part I thereof shall be substituted by the following new items:

"— "Jam" is a mixture, brought to a suitable gelled consistency, of sugars, the pulp and, or purée of one or more kinds of fruit and water. However, citrus jam may be obtained from the whole fruit, cut into strips and, or sliced:

Provided that the term "marmalade" may be authorised to be used for the product name "jam", except in the case of citrus jam, in order to take account of the terms commonly used by consumers.

The quantity of pulp and, or purée used for the manufacture of 1000 grammes (g) of finished product shall not be less than:

— 450g as a general rule,

— 350g for redcurrants, rowanberries, sea-buckthorns, blackcurrants, rosehips and quinces,

— 180g for ginger,

— 230g for cashew apples,

— 80g for passion fruit.

— "Extra jam" is a mixture, brought to a suitable gelled consistency, of sugars, the unconcentrated pulp of one or more kinds of fruit and water. However, rose-hip extra jam and seedless raspberry, blackberry, blackcurrant, blueberry and redcurrant extra jam may be obtained entirely or in part from unconcentrated purée of the respective fruits. Citrus extra jam may be obtained from the whole fruit, cut into strips and, or sliced:

Provided that the term "extra marmalade" may be authorised to be used for the product name "extra jam", except in the case of citrus jam, in order to take account of the terms commonly used by consumers.

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The following fruits may not be used mixed with others in the manufacture of extra jam:

- apples,
- pears,
- clingstone plums,
- melons,
- water-melons,
- grapes,
- pumpkins,
- cucumbers, and
- tomatoes.

The quantity of pulp used for the manufacture of 1000 grammes (g) of finished product shall not be less than:

— 500g as a general rule,

— 450g for redcurrants, rowanberries, sea-buckthorns, blackcurrants, rosehips and quinces,

— 280g for ginger,

— 290g for cashew apples,

— 100g for passion fruit.";

(b) items 5 and 6 in Part I thereof shall be substituted by the following new items:

"— "Citrus marmalade" is a mixture, brought to a suitable gelled consistency, of water, sugars and one (1) or more of the following products obtained from citrus fruit: pulp, purée, juice, aqueous extracts and peel. In the product name "citrus marmalade", the term "citrus" may be replaced by the name of the citrus fruit used.

The quantity of citrus fruit used in the manufacture of 1000g of finished product shall not be less than 200g of which at least 75g shall be obtained from the endocarp.

— The name "jelly marmalade" may be used where the product defined as citrus marmalade contains no insoluble matter except possibly for small quantities of finely sliced peel.";

(c) Part II thereof shall be substituted by the following new Part II:

" II. Products listed in Part I shall have a soluble dry matter content of sixty percent (60%) or more as determined by refractometer, except for those products that fulfil the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on nutrition and health claims made on foods as regards reduced sugar, and those products in respect of which sugars have been wholly or partially replaced by sweeteners.

Without prejudice to Article 17(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011, the Food Safety and Security Authority may, in order to take account of certain particular cases, authorise the reserved names for products listed in Part I which have a soluble dry matter content of less than sixty percent (60%).".

11. The Second Schedule of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends the Second Schedule to the principal regulations.

(a) item 2 to item 6 thereof shall be substituted by the following new items:

"— fruit juice, whether concentrated or otherwise: only in jam,

— citrus fruit juice, whether concentrated or otherwise: in products obtained from other types of fruit: only in jam, extra jam, jelly and extra jelly,

— red fruit juices, whether concentrated or otherwise: only in jam and extra jam manufactured from rose-hips, strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, redcurrants, plums and rhubarb,

— red beetroot juice, whether concentrated or otherwise: only in jam and jelly manufactured from strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, redcurrants and plums,

— essential oils of citrus fruits: only in citrus marmalade and jelly marmalade,";

(b) immediately after item 6 thereof, as amended, the following new item shall be added:

— food additives authorised in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council*.".

Amends the Third Schedule to the principal regulations.

12. Item 4 of Part B of the Third Schedule of the principal regulations shall be deleted.

**Vide*: Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives (OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 16).

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