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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

FOOD ACT, NO. 26 OF 1980

L.D.B. -11/80 (III).

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980.

NIMAL SIRIPALA DE SILVA,  
Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition.

Colombo,  
10th November, 2006.

### Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Food (Colouring Substances) Regulations - 2006 and shall come into operation with effect from 1st May, 2007.

2. No person shall, advertise or use any colouring substance as an ingredient in the preparation of food unless such colouring substance is a permitted colouring substance (hereinafter referred to as the "permitted colouring substance") specified in Table I and Table II of Schedule I hereto.

3. No person shall manufacture, import, sell, expose for sale, store, distribute, transport or advertise any food which has in it or on it any colouring substance other than a permitted colouring substance specified in Table I and Table II of Schedule I hereto.

4. No person shall advertise or use any diluent for diluting a permitted colouring substance, other than a diluent specified in Table III of the Schedule I hereto.

5. No person shall manufacture, import, sell, expose for sale, store, distribute, transport or advertise the following food products which has in it or on it any colouring substance except as provided for in regulation 6:-

- (i) any raw or unprocessed meat;
- (ii) game;
- (iii) poultry;
- (iv) fish;
- (v) fruit;
- (vi) vegetable;
- (vii) coffee bean;
- (viii) ground coffee;
- (ix) coffee essence;

- (x) tea;
- (xi) bread other than special types of bread;
- (xii) cream;
- (xiii) liquid milk whether skimmed or not;
- (xiv) condensed milk;
- (xv) powdered (dried) milk;

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 5, the food products specified in Column I of Schedule II hereto, may contain permitted colouring substances specified in the corresponding entry of column II thereof.

7. (a) Where the addition to food, of a synthetic colouring substance is permitted by these regulations, the proportion of the synthetic colouring substance present shall not exceed as a single component or in combination, of hundred milligrams per one kilogram, of the food or beverage ready for consumption.

(b) Any liquid colouring substance may contain not more than 400 milligrams of benzoic acid as permitted preservatives per One kilogram of the preparation.

8. No person shall use or advertise any colouring substance (including any colouring substance which is an ingredient of any colouring compound or any colouring and flavoring compound) for the preparation of any food unless such colouring substance or such compound is packaged in a container bearing a label in accordance with the requirements specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of schedule III.

9. The label on every container or package of food to which a permitted colouring substance as specified in these regulations has been added shall have a declaration as set out in Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations - 2005 published in *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 1376/9 of 19th January, 2005.

10. For the purposes of these regulations—

“colouring substance” means any permitted colouring substance specified in Schedule I to these regulations;

“colouring compound” means a product prepared by admixing one or more permitted colouring substances;

“diluent” means a liquid to mix with a colouring substance or substances to facilitate the use of the mixer in colouring food;

## SCHEDULE I

TABLE I

### Synthetic dyes that are permitted to be used as colouring substance in food

<i>Colour</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Colour Index</i>	<i>INS Number</i>
Red	Carmosine	14720	122
	Ponceau 4R	16255	124
	Erythroseine	45430	127
Yellow	Sunset yellow FCF	15985	110
	Tartrazine	19140	102
Blue	Indigo carmine (Indigotine)	73015	132
	Brilliant Blue FCF	42090	133
Green	Green S	44090	142

The synthetic dyes specified in the Table I above shall conform to the following standard

Pure dye	minimum 85.0%
Water insoluble matter	maximum 0.1%
Subsidiary dye	maximum 4.0%
Ether extractable matter	maximum 0.2%
Intermediates	maximum 0.5%

TABLE II

**Other colouring substances permitted to be used in food**

<i>INS Number</i>	<i>Natural Colouring Substance</i>	<i>Colour Index</i>
100	Curcumin	75300
120	Cochineal (Carminic acid)	75470
140	Chlorophyll	75810
150 b	Caramel	
160 a	Carotenes (alpha, beta or gamma)	75130
160 b	Annatto	75120
160 c	Capsanthin or capsorubin	
160 d	Lycopene	75125
160 e	Beta-apo-8'-cartenal	
160 f	Methyl or ethyl ester of beta-apo-8' carotenoic acid	
161 a	Flavoxanthin	75135
162	Beetroot Red (betanin)	
163	Anthocyanins	
171	Titanium dioxide	77891

**PERMITTED DILUENTS**

TABLE III

The following diluents are permitted to be used in colouring preparations

1- For colouring preparation in powdered form

anhydrous sodium sulphate  
sodium chloride  
sucrose  
dextrose  
cornflour  
starch

2- For colouring preparations in liquid form

water  
ethyl alcohol  
edible oil  
sugar syrup  
sorbitol  
glycerine  
propylene glycol

## SCHEDULE II

<i>COLUMN I</i>	<i>COLUMN II</i>
<i>Food product</i>	<i>Colouring substance</i>
1. flavored milk	Any permitted colouring substance
2. yoghurt	Any permitted colouring substance
3. oranges which have on the peel of it, the words "colour added"	Any permitted colouring substance
4. butter	carotene annatto turmeric
5. hard cheese, soft cheese, whey cheese or any other form of cheese	carotene annatto
6. rind of hard cheese	any permitted colouring substance

## SCHEDULE III

1. Each container or package to which regulation 8 applies shall bear a Label indicating a statement—
  - (a) of each permitted colouring substance, the common or usual name or the appropriate designation of that permitted colouring substance and the number under which the colour is indexed (INS number);
  - (b) where more than one substances are present, the common or usual name or an appropriate designation of each such substance and the numbers under which such colours are indexed (INS number) ;
  - (c) where a permitted colouring substance is admixed with a diluent the proportions of the diluent and the colouring substance present, in the diluted preparation.
2. Any statement required to be printed in terms of paragraphs 1—
  - (a) shall be clear and legible;
  - (b) shall be in a conspicuous position on the label which shall be securely attached to the container or package in such a manner that the statement shall be easily read and understood by a prospective buyer under normal conditions of purchase ;
  - (c) shall not be in any way hidden or obscured by any other matter.