

LEGAL NOTICE No. 9

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, CHAP. 30:01

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 25 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

THE FOOD AND DRUGS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1984

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Food and Drugs (Amendment) Regulations, 1984. Citation

2. The Food and Drugs Regulations are amended as follows—

Food and
Drugs
Regulations
amended

(a) by repealing and replacing subregulation (10) of regulation 16 as follows—

“ (10) The declarations specified in subregulation (1) and in regulation 16A shall be made in English but where a label is applied to a food in a country the official language of which is not English, the declarations shall appear in English on any panel except the bottom of the package.”;

(b) by adding immediately after regulation 16 the following new regulation—

“Labelling
of breast-
feeding
substitutes

16A. (1) Every manufacturer or distributor of a breast-milk substitute shall display on the outer label of the container:—

(a) a statement headed “Important Notice” proclaiming the superiority of breast-feeding over other methods of infant feeding and advising that such substitute should be used only on proper medical advice having been obtained as to the need for, and the proper methods of, its use;

(b) directions for use and a warning of the consequences of failure to follow those directions.

(2) The manufacturer or distributor of a breastmilk substitute shall not display on the container or label—

(a) any statement, picture or other visual impression of a person that would tend to encourage the use of that substitute in preference to breastmilk;

(b) the words “humanised” or “maternalised” or any such words that may tend to extol the virtues of that substitute.

(3) The manufacturer or distributor of every food product which is not a breastmilk substitute but which is capable of being modified to become one, shall include on the label a warning that the product is not to be used as the sole source of nourishment for babies.

(4) The manufacturer or distributor of condensed milk shall not include on the label, instructions for its modification as a baby food.

(5) In addition to the provisions of this regulation the provisions of regulation 16 also apply to manufacturers or distributors of breastmilk substitutes.”.

Made this 27th day of November, 1984.

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