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The Director-General of the World Health Organization presents his compliments and, pursuant to Resolution WHA23.50 of the Twenty-third World Health Assembly on Health Hazards of Food Additives, has the honour to transmit the following information on food additives which he has received under provision (2) of this Resolution. (The original communication from which this information is drawn is retained in the archives of WHO for consultation.)

The World Health Organization has been informed that the Commissioner of the Food & Drug Administration, USA, concluded that the provisional listing of FD&C Red No. 2 (Amaranth) should be terminated because such action is necessary to protect the public health in that questions have been raised about the safety of the colour additive and the available data do not permit a determination of safety.

The communication further states that "Although the U.S. Court of Appeals has allowed the ban to go into immediate effect, it has scheduled a full hearing April 15 on an appeal by manufacturers who are attempting to reverse the action against use of Red Dye No. 2".

