

Book Reviews

Cane Sugar Handbook. XI edn. Edited by J. C. P. Chem. John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1985. ISBN 0-471-86650-4. xxi + 1134 pp. Price: £139.35.

The eleventh edition of this important handbook has chapters by noted authors on individual aspects of raw sugar manufacture and refining, analytical procedures and chemical and process controls. Pages 1015 onwards are devoted to reference tables as usual and, as Frank G. Carpenter says in his foreword, the book is equally valuable for workers in the sugar industry seeking a fine point and for workers from other fields looking for a general idea.

Edition XI remains an unmatched source book and its convenience of size and handling has been retained. It is indispensable for sugar and food technology libraries and many academics will continue to rely on it.

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Food Additives Tables. Updated Edition. Classes IX–XII. Compiled by Food Law Research Centre, Institute of European Studies, University of Brussels. Edited by M. Fondu, H. van Gindertad-Zegers de Beyl, G. Bronkers, A. Stein and P. Carton. Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1984. ISBN- 0-444-42286-2. x + 224 pp. Price: Dfl. 450.00.

The updated edition of this book continues the series of Classes I–IV published in 1980 and V–VIII published in 1982. It is simply a listing

under each class (i.e. commodities) of the additives involved, followed by types of additive, including legal restrictions. Classes XIII–XV of food commodities are yet to be published.

The main differences between this and previous editions of the work are first that the original horizontal and vertical columns have been replaced by a systematic classification, country for country, with run-on texts. This certainly improves readability. Secondly, the book is now in bound form rather than loose-leaf. The book also contains an appendix of authorised food colourings and an appendix on special legislation.

This valuable text is essential for reference purposes in the food additive field. (In the USA/Canada, the book is available from Elsevier Science Publishers Co. Inc., PO Box 1663, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.)

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