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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred by section 42(1), (2) and (3)(b) of the Food Standards Act 1999[1] and now exercisable by him[2], hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Food Standards Act 1999 (Transitional and Consequential Provisions and Savings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2000.

Interpretation

2. - (1) In these Regulations -

"the 1999 Act" means the Food Standards Act 1999;

- "instrument" means any instrument (other than any statutory instrument or statutory rule) relating to a transferred function, issued or made by or on behalf of a Northern Ireland Department, including -
- (a) appointments (other than any appointment to an advisory committee);
- (b) approvals, authorisations, licences, provisional licences and registrations;
- (c) certificates;
- (d) codes of practice;
- (e) designations;
- (f) notices;
- (g) operation manuals, and other documents containing guidance, relating to the protection of public health from risks which may arise in connection with the consumption of food (including risks caused by the way in which it is produced or supplied) or otherwise relating to the protection of the interests of consumers in relation to food;
- (h) schemes and byelaws; and
- (i) warrants;
- "transferred function" means any function -
- (a) of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development[3] referred to in -
 - (i) subsection (2) of section 26 of the 1999 Act (statutory functions of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development ceasing to be exercisable by it);
 - (ii) paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the 1999 Act and paragraphs 26 to 42 of that Schedule (amendments respectively to the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985[4] and the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991[5]; and

The Olive Oil (Marketing Standards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 (S.R. 1987 No. 431); amended by S.R. 1993 No. 9 and S.R. 1998 No. 383	All the provisions
The Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 (S.R. 1987 No. 432); amended by S.R. 1991 Nos. 203 and 344 and S.R. 1994 No.174	All the provisions
The Organic Products Regulations 1992, S.I. 1992/2111; amended by S.I. 1993/405, 1994/2286 and 1997/166	All the provisio ns
The General Product Safety Regulations 1994, S.I. 1994/2328; amended by S.I. 1994/3142 and 3144, S.I. 1996/2756 and S.I. 1999/1820	Regulat ion 11
The Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R. 1995 No. 85); amended by S.R. 1996 Nos. 53 and 383 and S.R. 1997 No. 213	Regulat ion 9
The Fresh Meat (Import Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 (S.R. 1997 No. 218)	All the provisio ns
The Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 (S.R. 1998 No. 45); amended by S.R. 1998 Nos. 163 and 207 and S.R. 1999 No. 193	All the provisio ns
The Feeding Stuffs (Establishment and Intermediaries) Regulations 1999, S.I. 1999/1872	All the provisio ns
The Feeding Stuffs (Enforcement) Regulations 1999, S.I. 1999/2325	All the provisions
The Animal Feeding Stuffs from Belgium (Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. 2000 No. 73)	All the provisio ns

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations make transitional and consequential provisions and savings in preparation for, in connection with or in consequence of the coming into force of provisions of the Food Standards Act 1999 and the operation of enactments repealed or amended by provisions of that Act. The Regulations come into operation on 1st April 2000. They transfer functions to the Food Standards Agency under legislation having effect in relation to food safety, consumer protection and animal feed, as specified in the Regulations, and also provide for continuity in relation to transferred functions.

Regulation 2 provides definitions. Regulations 3 to 8 and Schedules 1 to 6 make consequential modifications to Regulations having effect under the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991. Regulation 9 and Schedule 7 make consequential modifications to Emergency Control Orders having effect under that Order. Regulation 10 and Schedule 8 make consequential provisions to certain other enactments. Regulation 11 and Schedule 9 make consequential provisions to Regulations in relation to the monitoring by the Agency of enforcement action. Regulation 12 makes consequential provisions to instruments, as defined in regulation 2(1), and court orders and judgments. Regulation 13 makes transitional provisions and savings and regulation 14 makes transitional provisions and savings relating to powers to make Regulations under Part IV of the Agriculture Act 1970.

Notes:

- [1] 1999 c. 28
- [2] See section 1(8) of, and paragraph 4(1)(a) of the Schedule to, the Northern Ireland Act 2000 c. 1
- [3] Formerly the Department of Agriculture; *see* Article 3(4) of S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1)
- [4] 1985 c. 43. Part I of the Act was amended by section 51 of the Food Safety Act 1990 c. 16; other relevant amendments to the Act were made by paragraph 29 of Schedule 3 to that Act and S.I. 1999/1756 and 1820
- [5] S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7) as amended by S.I. 1996/1633 (N.I. 12). The functions exercisable by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in pursuance of Article 26(1A) of the Order are specified in the Food Safety (Enforcement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 (S.R. 1997 No. 492)
- [6] 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
- [7] S.R. 1993 No. 329, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations
- [8] S.R. 1995 No. 201; the relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1996 No. 287