STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 515

FOOD

The Food with Added Phytosterols or Phytostanols (Labelling) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

Made - - - -	*17th December 2004*
Coming into operation	*12th January 2005*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1)(e) and (f), 16, 25(1) and (3), 26(3) and 47(2) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, having had regard, in accordance with Article 47(3A) of the said Order, to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency and after consultation both as required by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council(**3**) laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety and in accordance with Article 47(3) and (3B) of the said Order, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as The Food with Added Phytosterols or Phytostanols (Labelling) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004, and shall come into operation on 12th January 2005.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations –

"biscuits" includes wafers, rusks, oatcakes and matzos;

"confectionery product" means any item of chocolate confectionery or sugar confectionery;

"Directive 2000/13" means Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council(**4**) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling,

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services *see*S.I.1999/283 (N.I.) Article 3
(**2**) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7) as amended by S.I. 1996/1663 (N.I. 12) and paragraphs 26 to 42 of Schedule 5 & Schedule 6 to the Food Standards Act 1999 c. 28
(**3**) O.J. No. L31, 1.2.2002, p.1. That Regulation was last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 1642/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (O.J. No. L245, 29.9.2003, p. 4)
(**4**) O.J. No. L109, 6.5.2000, p. 29, as corrected by a Corrigendum (O.J. No. L124, 25.5.2000, p. 66)

presentation and advertising of foodstuffs, as amended by amendments up to and including those effected by Directive 2003/89/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council(**5**);

"edible ice" includes ice-cream, water ice and fruit ice, whether alone or in combination, and any similar food;

"fancy confectionery product" means any confectionery product in the form of a figure, animal, cigarette or egg or in any other fancy form;

"flour confectionery" means any cooked food which is ready for consumption without further preparation (other than reheating), of which a characterising ingredient is ground cereal, including shortbread, sponges, crumpets, muffins, macaroons, ratafias, pastry and pastry cases, and also includes meringues, petits fours and uncooked pastry and pastry cases, but does not include bread, pizzas, biscuits, crispbread, extruded flat bread or any food containing a filling which has as an ingredient any cheese, meat, offal, fish, shellfish, vegetable protein material or microbial protein material;

"the key particulars" means those particulars specified in items 1 and 5 in the second paragraph of Article 2 of Regulation 608/2004;

"the Order" means the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

"prepacked for direct sale" means –

(a) in relation to a food other than flour confectionery, bread and edible ices, prepacked by a retailer for sale by him on the premises where the food is packed or from a vehicle or stall used by him, and

(b) in relation to flour confectionery, bread and edible ices, prepacked by a retailer for sale as in paragraph (a), or prepacked by the producer of the food for sale by him either on the premises where the food is produced or on other premises from which he conducts business under the same name as the business conducted on the premises where the food is produced;

"preparation", in relation to food, includes manufacture and any form of processing or treatment;

"Regulation 608/2004" means Commission Regulation (EC) No. 608/2004(**6**) concerning the labelling of foods and food ingredients with added phytosterols, phytosterol esters, phyostanols and/or phytostanol esters;

"sell" includes possession for sale and offer, expose or advertise for sale, and "sale" shall be construed accordingly;

"the specified particulars" means the particulars required by Article 2 of Regulation 608/2004.

(2) Food shall be regarded as prepacked for the purposes of these Regulations if –

(a) it is ready for sale to the ultimate consumer or to a mass caterer, and

(b) it is –

(i) put into packaging before being offered for sale in such a way that the food, whether wholly or only partly enclosed, cannot be altered without opening or changing the packaging, or

(ii) wholly enclosed in packaging before being offered for sale and the food is intended to be cooked without opening the packaging,

but food shall not be regarded as prepacked for the purposes of these Regulations if it comprises an individually wrapped sweet or chocolate which is not enclosed in any further packaging and which is not intended for sale as an individual item.

(**5**) O.J. No. L308, 25.11.2003, p. 15
(**6**) O.J. No. L97, 1.4.2004, p. 44

(3) Other expressions used both in these Regulations and in Directive 2000/13 have the same meaning in these Regulations as they have in that Directive.

Offences and penalty

3. Subject to regulation 4, if any person –

(a) sells any food in respect of which the labelling requirements of Regulation 608/2004 apply and which is not labelled with the specified particulars, or

(b) sells any food which is not labelled in accordance with regulation 5, 6 or 7,

he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Exemption

4. In the case of –

(a) food which is not prepacked,

(b) food which is prepacked for direct sale or

(c) individually wrapped fancy confectionery products which are not enclosed in any further packaging and which are intended for sale as single items,

such food need not be labelled with any of the specified particulars other than the key particulars.

Manner of labelling: general requirement

5. When any food other than food to which regulation 6 applies is sold, any particulars with which it is required to be labelled by Regulation 608/2004 shall appear –

(a) on the packaging,

(b) on a label attached to the packaging, or

(c) on a label which is clearly visible through the packaging,

save that, where the sale is otherwise than to the ultimate consumer, such particulars may, alternatively, appear only on the commercial documents relating to the food where it can be guaranteed that such documents, containing all such particulars, either accompany the food to which they relate or were sent before, or at the same time as, delivery of the food.

Manner of labelling: special rules

6.—(1) This regulation applies to –

(a) food which is not prepacked;

(b) food which is prepacked for direct sale; and

(c) any individually wrapped fancy confectionery product which is not enclosed in any further packaging and which is intended for sale as a single item.

(2) When any food to which this regulation applies is sold to the ultimate consumer, the key particulars with which that food is required to be labelled by Regulation 608/2004 as read with regulation 4 shall appear –

(a) on a label attached to the food, or

(b) on a menu, notice, ticket or label which is readily discernible by an intending purchaser at the place where he chooses that food.