STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 10

FOOD

Kava-kava in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*8th January 2003*
Coming into operation	*24th February 2003*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1)(a), (e) and (f), 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**) 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 Kava-kava in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 24th February 2003.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations–

"Kava-kava" means a plant, or any part of or an extract from a plant, belonging to the species *Piper methysticum*;

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

Prohibition on sale etc. of food consisting of or containing Kava-kava

3. No person shall–

(a) sell, or

(b) possess for sale or offer, expose or advertise for sale, or

(c) import from a country outside the United Kingdom,

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; *see*S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1), Article 3

(**2**) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7) as amended by S.I. 1996 /1633 (N.I. 12) and paragraphs 26 to 42 of Schedule 5 and Schedule 6 to the Food Standards Act 1999 c. 28

(**3**) O.J. No. L31, 1.2.2002, p.1; 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