STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 226

FOOD

Gelatine (Intra-Community Trade) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

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Coming into operation	*9th July 2001*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**), being a Department designated(**2**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**3**) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Gelatine (Intra-Community Trade) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 9th July 2001.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"the Agency" means the Food Standards Agency(**4**); and

"collection centre", "tannery" and "raw material" shall be construed in accordance with Commission Decision 1999/724/EC amending Annex II to Council Directive 92/118/EEC laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(I) to Directive 89/662/EEC or, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC(**5**).

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**6**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; *see*S.I.1999/283 Article 3
(**2**) S.I. 1972//1811
(**3**) 1972 c. 68
(**4**) Established by section 1 of the Food Standards Act 1999 (c. 28).
(**5**) O.J. No. L290, 12.11.99, p. 32
(**6**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

Amendment of the Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

3. Paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 of the Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(**7**) shall be amended by adding at the end the following entry—

"Commission Decision 1999/724/EC (O.J. No. L290, 12.11.99, p. 32)".

Authorisation of collection centres and tanneries

4.—(1) A district council shall, on application, authorise a collection centre or tannery if it is satisfied that—

(a) the collection centre or tannery has storage rooms with hard floors and smooth walls which are easy to clean and disinfect;

(b) where appropriate, the collection centre or tannery is provided with refrigeration facilities;

(c) the storage rooms of the collection centre or tannery are kept in a satisfactory state of cleanliness and repair, so that they do not constitute a source of contamination for the raw materials;

(d) if any raw material which does not conform to any requirement imposed by virtue of the Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 which is applicable to it is or will be stored or processed in the premises, it is or, as appropriate, will be segregated throughout the period of receipt, storage, processing and dispatch from raw material which does so conform;

(e) it has all the information it needs to notify the Agency of the authorisation under regulation 8(2)(*a*).

(2) When granting any authorisation, the district council shall allocate a unique identifying number to the premises.

Suspension and withdrawal of authorisations

5.—(1) A district council may suspend or withdraw an authorisation under regulation 4 if it is satisfied that the premises in relation to which the authorisation was granted do not satisfy the requirements specified in regulation 4.

(2) A district council shall not suspend or withdraw an authorisation unless—

(a) it has served a notice complying with paragraph (3) on the proprietor of the business carried on at the premises; and

(b) it is satisfied, after the time for compliance with the notice has expired, that the premises do not comply with the requirements specified in the notice.

(3) A notice served under paragraph (2) shall—

(a) state that the district council proposes to suspend or, as the case may be, withdraw the authorisation;

(b) identify each requirement specified in regulation 4 which the district council is satisfied has not been complied with in relation to the premises;

(c) in relation to each requirement specified under subparagraph (*b*), give reasons why it is not satisfied that the requirement has been complied with; and

(d) state that unless the proprietor of the business complies with the requirements specified in the notice within such reasonable time as is stated in the notice, the authorisation may be suspended or, as the case may be, withdrawn.

(**7**) S.R. 1998 No. 45, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations