STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 193

FOOD

Meat Products (Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - -	*22nd April 1999*
Coming into operation—	
(a) in the case of all provisions other than regulation 2(7)(c),(e) and (h)	*24th May 1999*
(b) in the case of regulation 2(7)(c)	*30th September 1999*
(c) in the case of regulation 2(7)(e) and (h)	*31st March 2000*

Whereas it appears to the Department of Agriculture acting as the Department concerned that it is necessary or expedient—

(a) for the purpose of securing that food complies with food safety requirements and in the interests of public health; and

(b) for the purpose of protecting and promoting the interests of consumers,

to make the following Regulations;

Now, therefore, that Department, being the Department concerned, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 15(1), (2) and (3), 16(1), 18(1), 25, 26(3), 44, 47(2) and 48(2) of, and paragraphs 5 and 6(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to, the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and 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 every other power enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation, in accordance with Article 47(3) of the said Order of 1991, with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by the Regulations (in so far as the Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by the said provisions of the said Order of 1991), hereby makes the following Regulations:

(**1**) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7) as amended by S.I. 1996/1633 (N.I. 12). See Article 2(2) for the definitions of "the Department concerned" and "regulations"
(**2**) S.I. 1972/1811
(**3**) 1972 c. 68

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Meat Products (Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on—

(a) in the case of all provisions other than regulation 2(7)(c), (e) and (h) 24th May 1999;

(b) in the case of regulation 2(7)(c) 30th September 1999;

(c) in the case of regulation 2(7)(e) and (h) 31st March 2000.

Amendments to the Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

2.—(1) The Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**4**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (8).

(2) In regulation 4(1)(c) the words "the Department" shall be replaced by the words "the approval authority".

(3) In regulation 5(1)(c) the words "the Department" shall be replaced by the words "the approval authority".

(4) In regulation 14 (prepared food obtained from raw materials of animal origin) the phrase "(other than a meat-based prepared meal)" shall be deleted.

(5) For regulation 15 (conditions for premises manufacturing other products of animal origin) there shall be substituted the following regulation—

"**Conditions for premises manufacturing other products of animal origin**

15. A person shall not manufacture other products of animal origin unless the premises where the manufacture takes place—

(a) (in the case of rendered animal fats, greaves and by-products) meet the requirements of Part II of Schedule 5;

(b) (in the case of stomachs, bladders and intestines) meet the requirements of Part II of Schedule 2 and Part III of Schedule 5; and

(c) (in all cases) meet the requirements of Schedule 1 and Part I of Schedule 5.".

(6) In Schedule 1 (general conditions)—

(a) in Part I (general conditions for approval of establishments)—

(i) in paragraph 8 the words "acceptable to the enforcement authority" shall be replaced with the words "specified in the approval document for the establishment concerned"; and

(ii) in paragraph 16 for the words "Where advantage is taken" to the end there shall be substituted the following words—

"Where advantage is taken of this derogation, cleaning and disinfection processes which do not make use of water may, with the consent of the enforcement authority, be applied in any part of an establishment to which the derogation provided for by this paragraph applies.";

(b) in Part IIA (general conditions of hygiene applicable to establishments, equipment and tools), in paragraph 1 the word "principles" shall be replaced by the word "obligations".

(7) In Schedule 2 (special conditions)—

(**4**) S.R. 1997 No. 494

(a) in Part III (requirements for raw materials to be used for the manufacture of meat products) paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following—

"**4.**—(1) Products of animal origin, other than meat, shall only be included in meat products if they comply with the requirements applicable to them laid down in the Regulations listed in paragraph (2).

(2) The Egg Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(**5**);

The Dairy Products (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(**6**);

The Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(**7**);

The Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(**8**);

The Food Safety (Fishery Products and Live Shellfish) (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(**9**).";

(b) in Part IV (supervision of production), in paragraph 1(d), the words "paragraph 4 of Part V" shall be replaced by the words "paragraph 5 of Part V";

(c) in Part V (wrapping, packaging and labelling), in paragraph 6, the words "shall be placed on the package or otherwise clearly indicated" shall be replaced by the words "shall be visibly and legibly displayed on or with the packaging";

(d) in Part VI (health mark), in paragraph 7 the words "acceptable to the enforcement authority" shall be replaced with the words "specified in the approval document for the establishment concerned";

(e) in Part VI, after paragraph 9 the following paragraph shall be added—

"**10.** In the case of products in hermetically sealed containers, the health mark must be applied indelibly to the container.";

(f) in Part VII (storage and transport)—

(i) in paragraph 1(b)(ii) the words "acceptable to" shall be replaced by the words "approved by";

(ii) paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following paragraph—

"**4.** Meat products shall be accompanied at the first stage of marketing (which phrase has the same meaning as it does in Council Directive 77/99/EEC on health problems affecting the production and marketing of meat products and certain other products of animal origin, the text of which(**10**) is annexed to Council Directive 92/5/EEC(**11**)) by the commercial document referred to in regulation 12(1)(c). For transport and marketing at subsequent stages, the products must be accompanied by a commercial document which bears the official approval code of the consigning establishment and identifying the enforcement authority for that establishment.";

(iii) paragraph 5 shall be deleted;

(g) in Part VIII (special conditions for pasteurised or sterilised meat products in cans and other hermetically sealed containers), section B shall be replaced with the following—

(**5**) S.R. 1993 No. 329 as amended by S.R. 1995 No. 360 and S.R. 1996 No. 383
(**6**) S.R. 1995 No. 201 as amended by S.R. 1996 No. 287 and S.R. 1996 No. 383
(**7**) S.R. 1995 No. 360; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1997 No. 493, S.R. 1997 No. 494, S.R. 1997 No. 495 and S.R. 1997 No. 496
(**8**) S.R. 1998 No 45
(**9**) S.R. 1998 No. 207
(**10**) O.J. No. L57, 2.3.92, p. 4
(**11**) O.J. No. L57, 2.3.92, p. 1