STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 492

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Food Safety (Enforcement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - - 13th November 1997

Coming into operation 8th December 1997

The Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Social Services, acting jointly as the Department concerned, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 26(1A) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**1**) and of every other power enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Food Safety (Enforcement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 8th December 1997.

Interpretation

2. In this Order —

"dairy farm"—

(a) means any farm on which milk is produced, but

(b) does not include any part of any such premises on which milk is manufactured into other products;

"licensed premises" means premises licensed under the Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(**2**), the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**3**) or the Wild Game Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**4**);

"liquid milk plant"—

(a) includes any premises—

(i) in which milk is received, stored, treated, processed and packaged; or

(ii) from which milk is supplied or distributed for sale; or

(**1**) S.I.1991/762 (N.I. 7); the definition of "the Department concerned" in Article 2(2) was substituted and Article 26(1A) was inserted by Article 3 of the Food Safety (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, S.I. 1996/1633 (N.I. 12)
(**2**) S.R. 1995 No. 396
(**3**) S.R. 1997 No. 493
(**4**) S.R. 1997 No. 496

(iii) in which milk is kept or used for purposes of sale; or

(iv) in which vessels and equipment used for the sale of milk are kept, but

(b) does not include—

(i) any part of any such premises on which milk is manufactured into other products, or

(ii) premises from which milk is sold by retail;

"meat plant" means—

(a) licensed premises;

(b) premises approved under the Minced Meat and Meat Preparations (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**5**) or the Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**6**); or

(c) premises registered under the Food Premises (Registration) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(**7**) and in which minced meat or meat preparations are produced;

"meat preparations" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the Minced Meat and Meat Preparations (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997;

"meat products" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of the Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997;

"milk" includes cream and skimmed, semi-skimmed or separated milk;

"minced meat" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the Minced Meat and Meat Preparations (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997;

"other products of animal origin" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of the Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997.

Enforcement of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

3.—(1) For the purposes of Article 26(1A) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 and subject to paragraph (2) the whole of that Order is specified in the case of—

(a) dairy farms;

(b) liquid milk plants;

(c) the importation of milk;

(d) the transport of milk;

(e) meat plants other than—

(i) meat plants which are not, and do not share a common curtilage with, licensed premises and which are used exclusively for the production or storage of one or more of the following—

(aa) meat products;

(bb) minced meat which is not intended for sending out of the United Kingdom;

(cc) meat preparations;

(dd) other products of animal origin;

(**5**) S.R. 1997 No. 495
(**6**) S.R. 1997 No. 494
(**7**) S.R. 1992 No. 167; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1994 No. 346, S.R. 1995 No. 396, S.R. 1997 No. 493, S.R. 1997 No. 494, S.R. 1997 No. 495 and S.R. 1997 No. 496