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The Food Safety (Amendment) (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

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The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1), (2) and (3), 16(1), 25(1) and (3) and 47(2) of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 1 to, the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with Article 47(3) of that Order with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and effect of amendments

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Food Safety (Amendment) (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 7th December 1992.

(2) The amendments specified in regulations 3 to 7 shall have effect from and including 1st January 1995.

Amendment of the Skimmed Milk with Non-Milk Fat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961

2. In Part II of the Second Schedule to the Skimmed Milk with Non-Milk Fat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(**b**)—

(*a*) for ''grammes'', ''milligrammes'' and ''microgrammes'', wherever they occur, there shall be substituted ''grams'', ''milligrams'' and ''micrograms'' respectively; and

(*b*) after paragraph 8 there shall be added—

''9.—(1) Provided that the supplementary indications comprised partly of imperial units of measurement referred to in this Part shall not be used, for the purposes of determining the constituent contents of the specified foods to which they relate, after 31st December 1994.

(**a**) S.I. 1991 No. 762 (N.I. 7). *See* Article 2(2) for the definitions of ''regulations'' and ''the Department concerned''

(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961 No. 190; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1976 No. 70 and S.R. 1982 No. 43

(2) In paragraph (1) ''supplementary indications'' has the same meaning as in Council Directive 80/181/EEC(**a**), as amended by Council Directive 89/617/EEC, laying down common standards for units of measurement(**b**).''.

Amendment of the Soft Drinks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

3. The Soft Drinks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**c**) shall be amended as specified in the Schedule.

Amendment of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964

4. The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(**d**) shall be amended by substituting ''60 centimetres'' for ''twenty-four inches'' in regulation 7(*b*).

Amendment of the Mineral Hydrocarbons in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966

5. The Mineral Hydrocarbons in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(**e**) shall be amended by substituting in paragraph 3(1)(*k*) of Part II of the Schedule ''0.34 bars'' for ''5 pounds per square inch gauge''.

Amendment of the Solvents in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967

6. The Solvents in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(**f**) shall be amended by substituting in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 ''3 millimetres'' for ''one-eighth of an inch''.

Amendment of the Margarine Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968

7. The Margarine Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968(**g**) shall be amended by substituting—

(*a*) for the definition of ''vitamin A'' in regulation 2(1)—

'' 'vitamin A' means vitamin A present as such or as its esters and includes beta-carotene on the basis that 6 micrograms of beta-carotene or 12 micrograms of other biologically active carotenoids equal 1 microgram of retinol equivalent.''.

(*b*) for regulation 6(1)—

''(1) Any margarine sold by retail shall contain in every 100 grams of such margarine—

(*a*) not less than 800 micrograms and not more than 1000 micrograms of vitamin A (retinol equivalent), and

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(**a**) O.J. No. L39, 15.2.80, p. 40
(**b**) O.J. No. L357, 7.12.89, p. 28
(**c**) S.R. 1976 No. 357, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 129, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations
(**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966 No. 200, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations
(**f**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 282, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations
(**g**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968 No. 3, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations