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COMPOSITION

Tryptophan in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made . . . . . *4th September 1990*

Coming into operation . . *15th October 1990*

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 6(1)(*a*) and (*c*) and 72 of the Food (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(**a**), it appearing to that Department to be necessary or expedient in the interests of the public health to make these Regulations, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with Article 72(2) of that Order with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Tryptophan in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 15th October 1990.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the Order" means the Food (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;

"tryptophan" means dextrorotatory tryptophan, laevorotatory tryptophan, or racemic tryptophan, or any salt or peptide prepared from any of those forms,

and references to adding tryptophan to food—

(*a*) do not include references to adding food which contains only tryptophan occurring naturally in it to any other such food or to food which contains no tryptophan;

(*b*) but otherwise include references to adding food to which tryptophan has been added to any other food.

Prohibition on sale, etc. of food containing tryptophan

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), the addition of tryptophan to food intended for sale for human consumption is prohibited.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), the sale or offer for sale of food containing tryptophan is prohibited.

(3) The exposure for sale of food containing tryptophan is prohibited.

(a) S.I. 1989/846 (N.I. 6)