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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling

Meat Products and Spreadable Fish Products (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986

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The Department of Health and Social Services(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4, 7 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with section 68(2) with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Meat Products and Spreadable Fish Products (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986, and shall come into operation on 25th August 1986.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations the expression "the principal regulations" means the Meat Products and Spreadable Fish Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**c**).

Amendments of the principal regulations

3.—(1) Regulation 6 of the principal regulations (list of ingredients) shall be amended—

(*a*) by inserting after the closing bracket in line 3 of paragraph (1) the words "and subject to paragraph (1A)";

(*b*) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following paragraph—

"(1A) If any fat in a meat product cannot be taken into account in the declaration of its minimum meat content only because the meat content declared is less than that actually present, such fat shall be disregarded for the purposes of paragraph (1) unless the total lean meat content of the product is, in the case of a product to which regulation 11(2) applies, less than 50 per cent, and in any other case less than 65 per cent of the total meat content of the product.".

(2) Regulation 7 of the principal regulations (declaration of meat or fish content) shall be amended—

(*a*) (i) by deleting from paragraph (1) the words "or 9(2)", and

(ii) by substituting in paragraph (1) for the words "(3) to (7)" the words "(3) to (9)";

(**a**) *See* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 art. 5 and Sch. 2 Part I
(**b**) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.R. 1984 No. 408

(*b*) by substituting in paragraph (7) for the words "the provisions of regulation 10(2)(*b*)" the words "the provisions of regulation 10(2A)";

(*c*) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following paragraphs—

"(8) Nothing in this regulation shall apply to any meat product to which regulation 5 applies unless the product is required by regulation 5(2) to carry an indication of added ingredients.

(9) If it is shown that the meat or fish content of a meat product or spreadable fish product is less than that declared in the declaration required by paragraph (1), (2) or (5) this shall be evidence of a contravention of this regulation.".

(3) Regulation 8 of the principal regulations (declaration of corned meat content) shall be amended by inserting after paragraph (2) the following paragraph—

"(3) If it is shown that the corned meat content of a meat product is less than that declared in the declaration required by paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) this shall be evidence of a contravention of this regulation.".

(4) Regulation 9 of the principal regulations (declaration of added water content) shall be amended by inserting after paragraph (3) the following paragraph—

"(4) If it is shown that the added water content of the food is greater than that declared in the declaration required by paragraph (2) this shall be evidence of a contravention of paragraph (2).".

(5) Regulation 10 of the principal regulations (miscellaneous provisions relating to declarations) shall be amended—

(*a*) by substituting for paragraph (2) the following paragraphs—

"(2) Subject to paragraph (2A), a declaration with which a meat product or spreadable fish product is—

(*a*) required to be marked or labelled by any provision of regulation 7 or regulation 8; or

(*b*) marked or labelled in the manner permitted by regulation 7(4)

shall, if the product is required by the Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**a**) to be labelled with a list of ingredients, appear in immediate proximity to that list.

(2A) Where only one type of meat or cured meat, or fish or cured fish, is present in a meat product or spreadable fish product it shall be sufficient compliance with paragraph (2) if a declaration referred to in that paragraph appears in the list of ingredients in immediate proximity to the name of the ingredient to which it relates.";

(*b*) by substituting in paragraph (3) for the words "in immediate proximity to the name of the food" the words "either in the name of the food or in immediate proximity thereto.".

(6) Schedule 4 to the principal regulations (reserved descriptions) shall be amended—

(*a*) by inserting, before the words "meat content" in the requirements in Column 2, the word "required" as specified below—

in item 1 (Burger), in line 4 of paragraph (i),

in item 2 (Economy burger), in line 4 of paragraph (i),

in item 3 (Hamburger), in line 7 of paragraph (i),

in item 4 (Chopped X), in line 4,

in item 5 (Corned X), in line 4 of paragraph (ii),

(**a**) S.R. 1984 No. 407