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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition

Erucic Acid in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made	*17th June 1982*
Coming into operation . . .	*29th July 1982*

The Department of Health and Social Services(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 4, 68 and 68A(**b**) of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**c**) 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 Erucic Acid in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982, and shall come into operation on 29th July 1982.

Amendment of the Erucic Acid in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

2. The Erucic Acid in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(**d**) shall be amended by inserting between regulations 4 and 5 the following regulation:—

"4A. The erucic acid content of the oils, fats and foods referred to in regulation 4 shall be determined by the following procedure:—

(1) For screening purposes, whenever screening is deemed to be desirable, either the total docosenoic acid content or the total cis-docosenoic acid content may be determined, using the appropriate method provided by Article 2.1 of the Commission Directive of 25th July 1980 (80/891/EEC) relating to the Community method of analysis for determining the erucic acid content in oils and fats intended to be used as such for human consumption and foodstuffs containing added oils or fats(**e**) (hereinafter called "the Directive").

(2) If the screening process is dispensed with, or if the total content of either docosenoic or cis-docosenoic acid determined by it exceeds five per centum or, in the case of any oil, fat or food manufactured before 1st July 1979, ten per centum, the erucic acid content shall be determined by the method set out in the Annex to the Directive.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 17th June 1982.

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Assistant Secretary

(**a**) *See* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 art. 5 and Sch. 2 Part I and 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8
(**b**) Added by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 363
(**c**) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)
(**d**) S.R. 1977 No. 135
(**e**) O.J. No. L254, 27.9.80, p. 35