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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition

Erucic Acid in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 13*th May* 1977

Coming into operation . . . . 1*st July* 1977

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 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 Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1977.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations:

"the Act" means the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958;

"district council" means a council established under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(**d**);

"erucic acid" means the fatty acid *cis*-docos-13-enoic acid;

"fatty acid" means any carboxylic acid obtained by the hydrolysis of oil or fat, and includes any such acid existing in a free state in oil or fat;

"food" means food intended for sale for human consumption and includes drink, chewing gum and other products of a like nature and use, and articles and substances used as ingredients in the preparation of food or drink or of such products, but does not include—

(*a*) water, live animals or birds,

(*b*) fodder or feeding stuffs for animals, birds or fish, or

(*c*) articles or substances used only as drugs;

"oil or fat" means oil or fat derived from any animal, bird, fish or plant and intended for sale for human consumption, but does not include any essential oil;

"sell" includes offer or expose for sale or have in possession for sale and "sale" and "sold" shall be construed accordingly;

and other expressions have the same meaning as in the Act.

(**a**) *See* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 (p. 937) 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 (p. 1767)

(**c**) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)

(**d**) 1972 c. 9 (N.I.)