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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Vitreous Enamel-ware (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made . . . . . 4th November 1976

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(2)

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) *of Schedule* 1 *to the Northern Ireland Act* 1974

The Department(a) of Commerce, after consultation with such persons and bodies of persons as appear to it to be requisite, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1 and 2(4) and (5) of, and paragraph 3 of the Schedule to, the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) and now vested in it(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Vitreous Enamel-ware (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976.

(2) These regulations, in relation to goods sold by, or in the possession for the purpose of selling of, the manufacturer or importer into Northern Ireland of those goods, shall come into operation on 31st December 1976 and, in any other case, shall come into operation on 31st March 1977.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965;

"BS 5180" means the British Standard Specification for Permissible Limits of Metal Release from Vitreous Enamel-ware BS 5180: 1974 published in two parts by the British Standards Institution on 31st December 1974;

"cooking ware" means an article any part of the inside of which is coated with vitreous enamel and which is designed to contain food and to be heated in contact with such food in the course of its preparation, and includes a casserole, saucepan, frying pan, roaster, percolator, steamer and a kettle;

"flatware" means an article any part of the upper surface of which is coated with vitreous enamel and which is designed to be used in connection with the serving or consumption of food, being an article of which the ratio of the height to the diameter is less than one half when calculated in accordance with paragraph (2), and includes a soup, dessert or other plate and a saucer;

"food" means food and drink for human consumption, and articles and substances used as ingredients in the preparation of food or drink;

(a) formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1965 c. 14 (N.I.)
(c) by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5(*c*) (II, p. 2992)