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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Food and Drugs

ORDER, DATED THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 4(3)(*a*) OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ACT 1972.

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 4(3)(a) of the European Communities Act 1972(**a**) and by section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Food and Drugs) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on the date on which the United Kingdom becomes a member of the European Communities.

(2) In this Order, "Ministry" means the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**c**) shall apply to this Order as it applies to any Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Amendments to Statutes

2. The Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**d**) shall be further amended as provided hereafter.

(1) In section 4(1) after the words "protection of the public" there shall be inserted the words "or to be called for by any Community obligation".

(2) After section 68 the following section shall be inserted as a new section 68A:—

"**68A.**—(1) The Ministry may, as respects any directly applicable Community provision relating to food for which, in its opinion, it is appropriate to make provision under this Act, by regulations make such provision as it considers necessary or expedient for the purpose of securing that the Community provision is administered, executed and enforced under this Act, and may apply such of the provisions of this Act as may be specified in the regulations in relation to the Community provision with such modifications, if any, as may be so specified.

(2) For the purpose of complying with any Community obligation, or for conformity with any provision made for that purpose, the Ministry may by regulations make provision as to—

(*a*) the manner of sampling any food specified in the regulations, and the manner in which samples are to be dealt with; and

(*b*) the method to be used in analysing, testing or examining samples of any food so specified;

(a) 1972. c. 68. (b) 1972. c. 22. (c) 1954. c. 33. (d) 1958. c. 27.