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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition

Control of Irradiation

REGULATIONS, DATED 9TH MARCH 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTIONS 4 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 4 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**a**), having consulted 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 Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1972.

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. For regulation 3 of the Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(**b**) there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"**3.** No person shall in the preparation of any food subject it to ionising radiation:

Provided that this regulation shall not prohibit the subjection of food to not more than 50 rad of ionising radiation, where the energy of the radiation delivered does not exceed 5,000,000 electron volts, or the subjection to ionising radiation of any food—

(*a*) which is certified by a registered medical practitioner to be intended for consumption by patients who require a sterile diet as an essential factor in their treatment; and

(*b*) in respect of which the person who subjects it to ionising radiation so notifies the Ministry of Health and Social Services and keeps records which contain particulars of—

(i) the certification mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*),

(ii) the food so subjected,

(iii) the quantity of radiation to which it has been subjected, and

(iv) the despatch of that food."

Revocation

3. The Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(**c**) are hereby revoked.

(a) 1958. c. 27.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 51.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 226.