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**The Food Safety (Amendment) (Metrication) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1992**

Made 28th October 1992

Coming into operation 7th December 1992

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1), (2) and (3), 16(1), 25(1) and (3) and 47(2) of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Schedule 1 to, the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with Article 47(3) of that Order with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and effect of amendments

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Food Safety (Amendment) (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 7th December 1992.

(2) The amendments specified in regulations 3 to 7 shall have effect from and including 1st January 1995.

Amendment of the Skimmed Milk with Non-Milk Fat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961

2. In Part II of the Second Schedule to the Skimmed Milk with Non-Milk Fat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(b)—

(a) for “grammes”, “milligrammes” and “microgrammes”, wherever they occur, there shall be substituted “grams”, “milligrams” and “micrograms” respectively; and

(b) after paragraph 8 there shall be added—

“9.—(1) Provided that the supplementary indications comprised partly of imperial units of measurement referred to in this Part shall not be used, for the purposes of determining the constituent contents of the specified foods to which they relate, after 31st December 1994.

(a) S.I. 1991 No. 762 (N.I. 7). See Article 2(2) for the definitions of “regulations” and “the Department concerned”

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961 No. 190: relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1976 No. 70 and S.R. 1982 No. 43

(2) In paragraph (1) “supplementary indications” has the same meaning as in Council Directive 80/181/EEC(a), as amended by Council Directive 89/617/EEC, laying down common standards for units of measurement(b).”.

Amendment of the Soft Drinks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

3. The Soft Drinks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c) shall be amended as specified in the Schedule.

Amendment of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964

4. The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(d) shall be amended by substituting “60 centimetres” for “twenty-four inches” in regulation 7(b).

Amendment of the Mineral Hydrocarbons in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966

5. The Mineral Hydrocarbons in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(e) shall be amended by substituting in paragraph 3(1)(k) of Part II of the Schedule “0.34 bars” for “5 pounds per square inch gauge”.

Amendment of the Solvents in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967

6. The Solvents in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(f) shall be amended by substituting in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 “3 millimetres” for “one-eighth of an inch”.

Amendment of the Margarine Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968

7. The Margarine Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968(g) shall be amended by substituting—

(a) for the definition of “vitamin A” in regulation 2(1)—

“ ‘vitamin A’ means vitamin A present as such or as its esters and includes beta-carotene on the basis that 6 micrograms of beta-carotene or 12 micrograms of other biologically active carotenoids equal 1 microgram of retinol equivalent.”.

(b) for regulation 6(1)—

“(1) Any margarine sold by retail shall contain in every 100 grams of such margarine—

(a) not less than 800 micrograms and not more than 1000 micrograms of vitamin A (retinol equivalent), and

(a) O.J. No. L39, 15.2.80, p. 40

(b) O.J. No. L357, 7.12.89, p. 28

(c) S.R. 1976 No. 357, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 129, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966 No. 200, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 282, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

(g) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968 No. 3, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

(b) not less than 7.05 micrograms and not more than 8.82 micrograms of vitamin D, and a proportionate amount in any part of 100 grams.”.

Amendment of the Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

8. The Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(a) shall be amended by inserting in Schedule 1, after paragraph 1(2)—

“(3) In the following Table in the provisions of column 2 corresponding to the entries in column 1 with the names “Prawn or Shrimp” and “Shrimp”, the supplementary indications “(180 per lb)” and “(600 per lb)” shall not be used after 31st December 1993.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 28th October 1992.

(L.S.)

J. Scott

Assistant Secretary

(a) S.R. 1984 No. 407, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

Amendments to the Soft Drinks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

1. In regulation 4(2), for "one gallon" there shall be substituted "five litres".
2. In regulation 5(2)(a), for "22½ pounds of sugar per 10 gallons" there shall be substituted "225 grams of sugar per litre".
3. In regulation 5(5)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "7.5 calories per fluid ounce" there shall be substituted "264 kilocalories per litre and 1105 kilojoules per litre";
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for "1.5 calories per fluid ounce" there shall be substituted "53 kilocalories per litre and 221 kilojoules per litre".
4. For each of the imperial units of measurement referred to in Schedules 2 and 3 and specified in column 1 of the following Table, in each place where they respectively occur in those Schedules, there shall be substituted the corresponding metric unit of measurement in column 2 of the Table—

Column 1 <i>Imperial Unit of Measurement</i>	Column 2 <i>Metric Unit of Measurement</i>
pint	litre
10 gallons	litre
½ grain	57 mg
5 grains	570 mg
28 grains	40 mg
56 grains	80 mg
80 grains	114 mg
140 grains	200 mg
280 grains	400 mg
1½ lb	15 g
2 lb	20 g
2¼ lb	22.5 g
3 lb	30 g
4½ lb	45 g
7 lb	70 g
10 lb	100 g
11¼ lb	112.5 g
15 lb	150 g
22½ lb	225 g

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend references to imperial units of measurement in Regulations under the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, to give effect to Council Directive 80/181/EEC (O.J. No. L39, 15.2.80, p. 40), as amended by Council Directives 85/1/EEC (O.J. No. L2, 3.1.85, p. 11) and 89/617/EEC (O.J. No. L357, 7.12.89, p. 28), insofar as that Directive affects those Regulations.

References in the Regulations amended to units of measurement listed in Chapters III and IV of the Annex to that Directive, as amended, are amended to the corresponding units of measurement listed in Chapter 1 of that Annex with effect from the dates permitted by the Directive. The amended Regulations will not contain imperial units of measurement after 31st December 1994, except where permitted under the Directive, those units being converted to the metric measurements specified in the amendments.

The continued use of the supplementary indications in Skimmed Milk with Non-Milk Fat and Food Labelling Regulations is authorised, in accordance with Article 3 of the Directive, until 31st December 1994 and 31st December 1993 respectively.