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The Food Safety (Act of Accession concerning the Czech Republic and other States) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

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The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(a), being a Department designated(b) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(c) in relation to measures relating to food (including drink) including the primary production of food, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation as required by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety(d), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as The Food Safety (Act of Accession concerning the Czech Republic and other States) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004, and shall come into operation on 8th September 2004.

Amendment of the Quick-frozen Foodstuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

2.—(1) The Quick-frozen Foodstuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(e) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In regulation 5 (labelling of quick-frozen foodstuffs), there shall be inserted at the end the following paragraph –

“(5) In this regulation “Council Directive 89/108/EEC” means Council Directive 89/108/EEC on the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to quick-frozen foodstuffs for human consumption(f) as amended by amendments up to and including those effected by the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded(g).”.

(a) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Article 3
(b) S.I. 2003/2901
(c) 1972 c. 68
(d) O.J. No. L31, 1.2.2002, p. 1
(e) S.R. 1990 No. 455, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations
(f) O.J. No. L40, 11.2.89, p. 34
(g) O.J. No. L236, 23.9.2003, p. 33

Amendment of the Egg Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

3.—(1) The Egg Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(a) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In each of paragraphs (a)(ii) and (b)(iii) of sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 1 of Schedule 10 (marking of egg products) the following list of abbreviations shall be substituted for the existing list of abbreviations set out in each of those paragraphs: “CEE - EØF - EWG - EOK - EEC - EEG - ETY - EHS - EMÜ - EEK - EEB - EGK - KEE - EGS”.

Amendment of the Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

4.—(1) The Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(b) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In the definition of “Directive 2000/13” in paragraph (1) of regulation 2 (interpretation) the phrase “and the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded” shall be inserted immediately before the words “and as read with”.

Amendments to the Food Safety (Fishery Products and Live Shellfish) (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

5.—(1) The Food Safety (Fishery Products and Live Shellfish) (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(c) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In the first indent of paragraph 2(1) of Part I of Chapter VII of Schedule 3 (production and placing on the market conditions for fishery products) the following list of abbreviations shall be substituted for the existing list of abbreviations set out in that indent: “B /CZ /DK /D /EE /EL/ E/F/IRL / I / CY / LV / LT / L / HU / MT / NL / AT / PL / P / SI - / SK / FI / SE / UK”.

(3) In the third indent of paragraph 2(1) of Part I of Chapter VII of Schedule 3 the following list of abbreviations shall be substituted for the existing list of abbreviations set out in that indent: “CE - EC - EG - EK - EF - EY - ES - EÜ - KB - KE - WE”.

Amendment of the Medical Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

6.—(1) The Medical Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(d) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) At the end of the definition of “the Directive” in regulation 2 (interpretation) the following text shall be inserted –

“as amended by the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded”.

Amendment to the Condensed Milk and Dried Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

7.—(1) The Condensed Milk and Dried Milk Regulations 2003(e) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) At the end of regulation 8(b) the following shall be inserted –

(a) S.R. 1993 No. 329, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations
(b) S.R. 1996 No. 383, amended by S.R. 2003 No. 448; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant
(c) S.R. 1998 No. 207, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations
(d) S.R. 2000 No. 187
(e) S.R. 2003 No. 300

“as amended by the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 16th August 2004.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations make amendments to the food legislation specified below which are necessitated by amendments to the European Community food legislation implemented by those Regulations made by the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded (O.J. No. L236, 23.9.2003, p. 33) (“the Act”).

The Regulations –

- (a) in regulation 5 (labelling of quick-frozen foodstuffs) of the Quick-frozen Foodstuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 (S.R. 1990 No. 455 as already amended) –
 - (i) add a definition of “Council Directive 89/108/EEC”, and
 - (ii) thereby add to the list of languages in which (under paragraphs (2) and (3) of that regulation) it may be indicated that the food concerned is quick-frozen, the languages of certain of the States which, by virtue of the Act, become new Member States of the European Community (regulation 2);
- (b) amend sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 1 of Schedule 10 (marketing of egg products) to the Egg Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 (S.R. 1993 No. 329 as already amended) by substituting revised particulars for the particulars which (under paragraphs (a) (ii) and (b) (iii) of that sub-paragraph) are required, for each consignment of egg products leaving an establishment, to be specified in a label relating to the consignment concerned (regulation 3);
- (c) in paragraph (1) of regulation 2 (interpretation) of the Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R. 1996 No. 383 as already amended) –
 - (i) update the definition of “Directive 2000/13” by including in the list of legislation which amends Directive 2000/13/EC (O.J. No. L109, 6.5.2000, p. 29) reference to the Act, and
 - (ii) thereby extend the coverage of the exports defence in regulation 47 of those Regulations by making it apply where the offence charged relates to the labelling requirement in the Regulations concerning the “use by” date or to the labelling requirement concerning irradiated food, the destination State is an EEA State and its legislation complies with the corresponding requirement laid down in Directive 2000/13/EC (as amended by the Act so as to provide that the labelling concerned may be in the language of one of certain of the new member States) (regulation 4);
- (d) amend sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 (production and placing on the market conditions for fishery products (based on the corresponding provisions of the Annex to the Fishery Products Directive)) to the Food Safety (Fishery Products and Live Shellfish) (Hygiene) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1998 (S.R. 1998 No. 207 as already amended) by substituting revised particulars for the particulars which (under the first and third indents of that sub-paragraph) are required, for each consignment of fishery products despatched from an establishment, to be specified in a label relating to the consignment concerned or in the accompanying documents (regulation 5);
- (e) in regulation 2 (interpretation) of the Medical Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. 2000 No. 187) update the definition of “the Directive” by including in the list of legislation which amends Commission Directive 1999/21/EC on dietary foods for special medical purposes (O.J. No. L91, 7.4.1999, p. 29) reference to the Act (regulation 6); and
- (f) in paragraph (b) of regulation 8 (defence in relation to exports) of the Condensed Milk and Dried Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. 2003 No. 300) –
 - (i) update the reference to Council Directive 2001/114 EC relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption (O.J. No. L15, 17.1.2002, p. 19) by adding reference to the amendment of that Directive by the Act, and

- (ii) thereby extend the coverage of the exports defence in regulation 8 of those Regulations by making it apply where the offence charged relates to one of the labelling requirements in regulations 4 and 5 of those Regulations concerning the use of reserved descriptions, the destination State is an EEA State and its legislation complies with the corresponding requirement laid down in Directive 2001/14/EC (as amended by the Act so as to provide that the labelling concerned may be in the language of one of certain of the new member States) (regulation 7).

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