
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2011 No. 39

FOOD

**The Food Additives (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011**

Made - - - - *17th February 2011*

Coming into operation *31st March 2011*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety⁽¹⁾ makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 15(1)(a) and (f), 16(1) and 47(2) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991⁽²⁾.

In accordance with Article 47(3A) of that Order, it has had regard to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency.

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⁽³⁾, there has been open and transparent public consultation during the preparation and evaluation of these Regulations.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Food Additives (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 and come into operation on 31st March 2011.

Amendment of the Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

2.—(1) The Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009⁽⁴⁾ are amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation) —

(1) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; see [S.I. 1999/283 \(N.I.1\)](#) Article 3(6)
(2) [S.I. 1991/762 \(N.I.7\)](#) as amended by [S.I. 1996/1663 \(N.I.12\)](#), paragraphs 26 to 42 of Schedule 5 and Schedule 6 to the Food Standards Act 1999 [c.28](#) and [S.R. 2004 Nos. 482 and 505](#)
(3) OJ No. L31, 1.2.2002, p.1. That Regulation was last amended by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 596/2009](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the treaty to Council Decision [1999/468/EC](#) with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny: Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny – Part Four (OJ No. L188, 18.7.2009, p14)
(4) [S.R. 2009 No. 416](#)

- (a) at the end of the definition of “Directive 08/60” add “as amended by Commission Directive 2010/37/EU amending Directive 2008/60 laying down specific purity criteria on sweeteners”; and
- (b) at the end of the definition of “Directive 08/84” add “as amended by Commission Directive 2010/67/EU amending Directive 2008/84 laying down specific purity criteria on food additives other than colours or sweeteners”.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 17th February 2011.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement two European Directives concerned with the purity criteria for certain food additives (“the amending Directives”). The amending Directives are —

- (a) Commission Directive 2010/37/EU amending Directive [2008/60/EC](#) laying down specific purity criteria on sweeteners (OJ No. L152, 18.6.2010, p.12); and
- (b) Commission Directive 2010/67/EU amending Directive [2008/84/EC](#) laying down specific purity criteria on food additives other than colours and sweeteners (OJ No. L277, 21.10.2010, p.17).

These Regulations implement the amending Directives by making amendments to regulation 2 of the Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 ([S.R. 2009 No. 416](#)) so that the definitions of Directive 08/60 and Directive 08/84 in that regulation include reference to the relevant amending Directive (*regulation 2(2)*).