



Weights and Measures Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 72

PART IV

REGULATION OF TRANSACTIONS IN GOODS

General offences

[^{F1}31A Non-compliance with certain requirements of the FIC Regulation

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, a food business operator to which Article 1(3) of the FIC Regulation applies is guilty of an offence if that food business operator fails to comply with—
 - (a) any of the provisions of Article 8 of the FIC Regulation (responsibilities of food business operators) applicable to the food business operator, to the extent that the provisions relate to net quantity;
 - (b) Article 9(1)(e) of the FIC Regulation (mandatory indication of net quantity of food), except to the extent that it relates to a failure to comply with Article 13(5) of the FIC Regulation; or
 - (c) Chapter V of the FIC Regulation (voluntary food information), to the extent that it imposes requirements in respect of net quantity.
- (2) A food business operator is not guilty of an offence under subsection (1) if the food business operator acts in accordance with any of the following—
 - (a) an exception contained in Chapter IV of the FIC Regulation;
 - [^{F2}(b) a measure adopted by the United Kingdom before IP completion day under Article 40 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers as it had effect in EU law (milk and milk products: national measures derogating from Articles 9(1) and 10(1));
 - (ba) regulations made under Article 40 of the FIC Regulation (milk and milk products: regulations derogating from Articles 9(1) and 10(1));]
 - [^{F3}(c) a measure permitted to be maintained by Article 42 of the FIC Regulation (authority to maintain measures in specified legislation about the expression

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of net quantity in relation to food in the absence of regulations under Article 23(2));]

(d) transitional measures under Article 54(1) of the FIC Regulation.

(3) In this section “food business operator” and “net quantity” have the same meanings as in the FIC Regulation.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 31A inserted (13.12.2014) by [The Weights and Measures \(Food\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2975\)](#), regs. 1, **5**
- F2** S. 31A(2)(b)(ba) substituted for s. 31A(2)(b) (31.12.2020) by [The Food \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/529\)](#), regs. 1, **3(2)(a)** (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1501](#), regs. 1, **4(3)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F3** S. 31A(2)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Food \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/529\)](#), regs. 1, **3(2)(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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