

Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/93 of 8 February 1993  
laying down Community procedures for contaminants in food

*Article 4*

1 Where a Member State, as a result of new information or of a reassessment of existing information, has reason to suspect that a contaminant in food, although complying with this Regulation or specific Regulations adopted pursuant to this Regulation, constitutes a health risk, it may temporarily suspend or restrict application of the provisions in question in its territory. It shall immediately inform the other Member States and the Commission thereof and give reasons for its decision.

[<sup>F12</sup> The Commission shall examine the reasons given by the Member State referred to in paragraph 1 as soon as possible in the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs, set up by Council Decision 69/414/EEC<sup>(1)</sup>, and shall deliver its opinion immediately and take any necessary measures aimed at confirming, amending or repealing the national measure, in accordance with the regulatory procedure laid down in Article 8(2).]

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(1) [<sup>F1</sup>OJ L 291, 19.11.1969, p. 9.]

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- Regulation applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2023/959 reg. 4\(a\)Sch. 1](#)
- Art. 4 omitted by [S.I. 2019/639 reg. 9](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions**

- Signature words omitted by [S.I. 2019/639 reg. 10](#)
- Art. 2(4)-(8) inserted by [S.I. 2019/639 reg. 7](#)
- Art. 2(4)(c) omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/639, reg. 7](#) by [S.I. 2020/1504 reg. 8\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 2(7) words substituted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/639, reg. 7](#) by [S.I. 2020/1504 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(7)(b) words substituted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/639, reg. 7](#) by [S.I. 2020/1504 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 2(7)(d) omitted in earlier amending provision [S.I. 2019/639, reg. 7](#) by [S.I. 2020/1504 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Art. 2(7)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/1013 reg. 25](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). [S.I. 2019/1013](#) revoked immediately before IP completion day by [S.I. 2020/1504, regs. 1\(2\), 21\(e\)](#))
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