
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Food (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

PART III

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Administration

Authorities responsible for enforcement

34.—(1) It shall be the duty of every district council to enforce and execute in its district the provisions of any Article of this Order or of any regulations made under this Order, with respect to which the duty is not expressly, or by necessary implication, imposed on some other authority.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Department to enforce and execute the provisions of any order made under Article 7.

Meaning of “authorised officer”

35.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, the expression “authorised officer” means an officer of a district council authorised by that council in writing, either generally or specially, to act in matters of any specified kind or in any specified matter.

(2) Any environmental health officer appointed by a district council in exercise of its powers under section 41 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972⁽¹⁾ shall be deemed to be an authorised officer of that council for all purposes of this Order.

(3) A member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons employed by a district council for the purpose of inspection of food shall be deemed to be an authorised officer of the council for the purpose of the examination and seizure of meat under the provisions of Part II relating to food unfit for human consumption.

(4) An officer of a district council shall not be authorised to act under this Order in relation to the examination and seizure of meat unless he is—

- (a) a person deemed to be an authorised officer by virtue of paragraph (2) or paragraph (3); or
- (b) a person having such qualifications as may be prescribed.