

1979 No. 430

## WELFARE FOODS

## Welfare Foods (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

*Made* . . . . . 7th December 1979

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st January 1980

The Department(a) of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1(3) of the Welfare Foods Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Department(a) of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Welfare Foods (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1980.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Welfare Foods Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(c).

*Amendment of the principal regulations*

2.—(1) In regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations (interpretation) for the definition of “beneficiary” there shall be substituted the following definition:

“‘beneficiary’ means any of the following persons, namely :

- (a) an expectant or nursing mother who is in a family in special circumstances;
- (b) all young children in a family in special circumstances; and
- (c) a handicapped child;”.

(2) In regulation 5(1)(a)(d) of the principal regulations (entitlement to welfare food other than welfare milk) for the words from “if he is a person” to “beneficiary” there shall be substituted “if he is a person who is a beneficiary within the meaning given to that expression in subparagraph (a) or (b) of the definition”.

(3) In regulation 9(3) of the principal regulations (use of tokens) for “a beneficiary of a class defined in regulation 2(1)(a), (b) or (c)” there shall be substituted “a person who is a beneficiary within the meaning given to that expression in subparagraph (a) or (b) of the definition in regulation 2(1)”.

(4) In Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (entitlement to welfare food other than welfare milk) in Column (3)—

- (a) for “10p” there shall be substituted “14p”;
- (b) for “24p” in each place where it occurs there shall be substituted “30p”.

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) 1968 c. 26 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. 1977 No. 7 (I, p. 11) as amended by S.R. 1977 No. 276 (II, p. 1521), S.R. 1977 No. 302 (II, p. 1646), S.R. 1978 No. 64 (I, p. 155) and S.R. 1978 No. 399 (II, p. 1468)

(d) See regulation 3(2) of S.R. 1977 No. 276 (II, p. 1521)

*Transitory provision*

3. Where, before the date of coming into operation of these regulations, a token has been issued for use after that date by an expectant or nursing mother or in respect of a young child in the family, who, in either case, ceases to be a beneficiary by reason of the amendments made to the principal regulations by regulation 2(1) of these regulations, such mother or young child shall continue to be treated as a beneficiary in the application of the provisions of the principal regulations connected with the use of such token to obtain free welfare milk or, as the case may be, welfare food, or with the loss or replacement of such token.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 7th December 1979.

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*W. J. Sloane*

Senior Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby consents to these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 7th December 1979.

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*R. McMurray*

Assistant Secretary

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These regulations further amend the Welfare Foods Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977:

- (a) by stopping the entitlement to receive free welfare milk and food of expectant and nursing mothers and young children not in a family in special circumstances when the tokens issued before the coming into operation of these regulations expire;
- (b) by increasing the prices at which Children's Vitamin Drops and Vitamin Tablets for expectant and nursing mothers may be bought as follows:—
  - (i) Children's Vitamin Drops: from 10p to 14p per bottle,
  - (ii) Mother's Vitamin Tablets: from 24p to 30p per container.