

1980 No. 75

**FOOD AND DRUGS  
COMPOSITION**

**Chloroform in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980**

*Made* . . . . . 27th February 1980

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

The Department of Health and Social Services(a) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 4 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Chloroform in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1980.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In these regulations—

“the Act” means the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958;

“food” has the same meaning as in the Act, except that it is limited to food intended for sale for human consumption;

“sell” includes offer or expose for sale or have in possession for sale.

(2) For the purposes of these regulations, the supply of food, otherwise than by sale, at, in or from any place where food is supplied in the course of a business shall be deemed to be a sale of that food.

*Exemptions*

3.—(1) These regulations shall not apply to—

(a) any food intended for exportation to any place outside the United Kingdom;  
or

(b) any medicinal product to which the Medicines (Chloroform Prohibition) Order 1979(c) applies.

(2) Until 1st April 1981 these regulations shall not apply to any food prepared before 1st April, 1980.

*Prohibition of chloroform in food*

4. A person shall not sell any food which has in it or on it any added chloroform.

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(a) See S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 (p. 937) art. 5 and Sch. 2 Part I and 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8

(b) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.)

(c) S.I. 1979/382 (S.R. 1979 No. 148)

*Condemnation of food*

5. Where any food is certified by a public analyst as being food which it is an offence against regulation 4 to sell, that food may be treated for the purposes of section 9 of the Act (under which food may be seized and destroyed on the order of a justice of the peace) as being unfit for human consumption.

*Penalties and enforcement*

6.—(1) If any person contravenes regulation 4, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

(2) Each district council shall enforce and execute such provisions in its district.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 27th February, 1980.

(L.S.)

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Assistant Secretary

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations come into operation on 1st April 1980.

The regulations prohibit the sale of food containing chloroform (regulation 4).

The regulations do not apply to food intended for export or to products whose chloroform content is controlled by the Medicines (Chloroform Prohibition) Order 1979; until 1st April 1981 the regulations do not apply to food manufactured before 1st April 1980 (regulation 3).