

## 1993 No. 219

## WELFARE FOODS

**The Welfare Foods (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1993**

*Made* . . . . . 30th April 1993

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 17th May 1993

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 13(3) and (4) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1988(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Welfare Foods (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 17th May 1993.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Welfare Foods Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988(b).

*Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations*

2. In regulation 2(3) of the principal regulations (free milk, dried milk and vitamins) after “made to a” there shall be inserted “person responsible for the administration of welfare food at a” and after “clinic” there shall be inserted “which shall be”.

*Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal regulations*

3. In regulation 3(7) of the principal regulations (additional milk or dried milk for children in day care) for sub-paragraph (b) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(b) if so required by the Department, be supported by an invoice, a receipt or other documentary evidence of the price paid for the milk or dried milk supplied.”.

*Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal regulations*

4.—(1) In regulation 4(1) of the principal regulations (purchase of dried milk at a reduced price) for “£3·30” there shall be substituted “£3·40”.

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(a) S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2)

(b) S.R. 1988 No. 137; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1992 No. 125

(2) In regulation 4(2) of the principal regulations after “made to a” there shall be inserted “person responsible for the sale of welfare food pursuant to this regulation at a” and after “clinic,” there shall be inserted “which shall be”.

(3) At the end of regulation 4(2) of the principal regulations there shall be added “, and if so required by the person responsible for the sale of welfare food pursuant to this regulation, documentary evidence that the child has not attained the age of 1 year, whether in the form of a birth certificate or otherwise”.

(4) In regulation 4(4) of the principal regulations for the words from “the clinic” to the end there shall be substituted the following—

“the person responsible for the sale of welfare food pursuant to this regulation at the clinic—

- (a) as to his entitlement to receive family credit for the weeks for which the dried milk is purchased; and
- (b) if that person responsible so requires, as to the age of any child on whose behalf the dried milk is purchased during the weeks for which it is purchased.”.

#### *Amendment of regulation 6 of the principal regulations*

5.—(1) In regulation 6(1) of the principal regulations (issue of milk tokens) for “(5)” there shall be substituted “(6)”.

(2) At the end of regulation 6(2) of the principal regulations there shall be added “and whether they are to be used for milk or for dried milk”.

(3) After regulation 6(5) of the principal regulations there shall be added the following paragraph—

“(6) The Department need not issue a milk token which indicates that it is to be used for dried milk unless the Department is satisfied, by means of such birth certificate or such other evidence as it may require, that the beneficiary has not attained the age of 1 year.”.

#### *Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal regulations*

6.—(1) In regulation 7(1)(a) of the principal regulations (use of milk tokens) after “beneficiary” there shall be inserted “in accordance with paragraph (4)”.

(2) After regulation 7(3) of the principal regulations there shall be added the following paragraph—

“(4) A milk token which indicates that it is to be used only for milk may not be used to obtain dried milk, and one which indicates that it is to be used only for dried milk may not be used to obtain milk.”.

#### *Amendment of Schedule 2 to the principal regulations*

7. In Schedule 2 to the principal regulations (entitlement to vitamins) at the end of the entry in column (2) opposite the entry in column (1) “2. Nursing mother” there shall be added “or 5 × 10 millilitre bottles of vitamin drops” and for “2 × 45 tablet containers” in column (2) opposite the entry in

column (1) "3. Expectant mother" there shall be substituted "2 × 10 millilitre bottles of vitamin drops".

*Revocation*

8. Regulation 3 of the Welfare Foods (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(a) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 30th April 1993.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations further amend the Welfare Foods Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 ("the principal regulations").

Regulations 2, 4(2), (3) and (4) amend regulations 2 and 4 of the principal regulations (free milk, dried milk and vitamins and purchase of dried milk at a reduced price) by making provision for the application for vitamins to be made and evidence in respect of purchase of welfare food to be produced to the person responsible for the sale and administration of welfare food at a clinic instead of applying to the clinic.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 3 of the principal regulations (additional milk or dried milk for children in day care) by enabling the Department of Health and Social Services ("the Department") to request documentary evidence in support of a claim for reimbursement for the supply of both milk and dried milk to children in day care in place of a requirement to supply an invoice or receipt with any claim only for milk.

Regulation 4(1) amends regulation 4 of the principal regulations (purchase of dried milk at a reduced price) by increasing the price paid for dried milk by a person entitled to purchase it from £3.30 to £3.40 for 900 grammes per week and enabling the responsible person at the clinic to require documentary evidence from that person that the child for whom they are caring has not attained the age of one year (regulation 4(3)).

Regulation 5 amends regulation 6 of the principal regulations (issue of milk tokens) to provide that any milk token issued may specify whether it is to be used for milk or dried milk, and enables the Department to require documentary evidence that a child beneficiary, for whom a milk token is issued specifying dried milk, has not attained the age of one year.

Regulation 6 amends regulation 7 of the principal regulations (use of milk tokens) to provide that any milk token indicating that it is to be used only for milk cannot be used for dried milk and one which indicates that it is to be used only for dried milk cannot be used to obtain milk.

Regulation 7 amends Schedule 2 to the principal regulations (entitlement to vitamins) to provide an alternative entitlement to vitamins for nursing mothers by adding 5 x 10 millilitre bottles of vitamin drops to their entitlement, and by substituting for the existing entitlement for expectant mothers an entitlement to 2 x 10 millilitre bottles of vitamin drops.

Regulation 8 contains a revocation.