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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1998 No. 264**

**FOOD**

**Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with  
Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998**

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**PLASTIC MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT  
WITH FOOD REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1998**

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Part I — Authorised Monomers

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SECTION A

***Monomers authorised without time limit***

SECTION B

***Monomers authorised up to the end of 2001***

SECTION C

***Monomers authorised up to the end of 1998***

Part II — Supplementary

- 1. In regulation 4 and Part I— (a) the PM/REF No....
- 2. If a substance appearing in Part I as an individual...
- 3. (1) The items identified in Part I shall be taken...

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Part I — Additives

Part II — Supplementary

- 1. In regulation 5 and Part I— (a) the PM/REF No....
- 2. If a substance identified in Part I is an acid,...
- 3. If, as indicated in paragraph 2 of Annex III of...

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**Provisions Applicable when Testing Compliance with the Migration Limits**

A.

***General provisions***

- 1. When the results of the migration tests specified in this...
- 2. Where any migration test specified in this Schedule and, where...
- 3. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) any testing of migration from...
- 4. (1) Any sample of a plastic material or article shall...
- 5. Where a plastic material or article is intended to come...

B.

***Special provisions relating to overall migration***

- 6. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), any method of analytical determination...
- 7. (1) Where a plastic material or article is intended to...
- 8. (1) Any plastic material or article which exceeds its overall...

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**Overall and Specific Migration Testing Using Food Simulants**

Part I — Basic Rules

- 1. Subject to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, migration tests for...
- 2. Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4, substitute tests which use...
- 3. Subject to paragraph 4, alternative tests as specified in Part...
- 4. In migration testing it is permissible to—

Part II — Food Simulants to be used in Migration Testing

- 1. Subject to Parts III, IV, V, VI and VII, the...
- 2. For the purposes of this Schedule a reference to an...

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3. The characteristics of rectified olive oil referred to in the...
4. The fatty food simulants referred to in the Table are—...
5. Where a fatty food simulant specified in paragraph 4 is...

Part III — Selection of Food Simulants

A.

**Testing, reduction factors and definition of food types**

1. The testing of plastic materials and articles shall be carried...
2. (1) Where a test is carried out on a plastic...
3. Food types are defined in the Table to this paragraph...

B.

**Selection of simulants for testing materials and articles intended for contact with all food types**

4. The simulants to be used in testing a plastic material...

C.

**Selection of simulants for testing materials and articles which are already in contact with a known food**

5. The simulant or simulants to be used in testing a...

D.

**Selection of simulants for testing materials or articles which are accompanied by a specific indication**

6. The simulant or simulants to be used in testing a...
  7. The simulant or simulants to be used in testing a...
  8. A specific indication referred to in paragraph 7 is expressed...
- Part IV — Simulants to be used in Relation to a Specific Food or a Specific Group of Foods

1. For the purposes of this Part a simulant is specified...
  2. For the purposes of this Part— (a) a reduction factor...
  3. Where, in the Table to this Part, a reduction factor...
  4. Where, in the Table to this Part, the letter “a”...
  5. Where a food is listed in the Table to this...
- Part V — Migration Test Conditions (Times and Temperatures)

A.

**General criteria**

1. Subject to paragraphs 2, 4, 6 and 7 and to...
2. Where the plastic material or article being tested is intended...
3. For the purposes of this Part the worst foreseeable conditions...

B.

**Volatile migrants**

4. When carrying out a test of the specific migration of...

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***Special Cases***

5. When carrying out a migration test of a plastic material...
  6. Where the carrying out of a migration test under contact...
  7. Where, in actual use, the plastic material or article being...
  8. The Table to this Part shall be read with the...
    - Part VI — Substitute Fat Test for Overall and Specific Migration
    1. Subject to paragraphs 2, 4 and 5, all the test...
    2. Test conditions other than those specified in the Table to...
    3. For each test— (a) a new test specimen shall be...
    4. Where carrying out a migration test causes any physical or...
    5. Any test conditions in the Table to this Part which...
    6. The Table to this Part shall be read with the...
      - Part VII — Alternative Fat Tests for Overall and Specific Migration
      1. Subject to paragraph 2 the conditions which must be fulfilled...
      2. The condition in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 1 does not...
      3. The migration tests referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2...
- Explanatory Note