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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations make transitional and consequential provisions and savings in preparation for, in connection with or in consequence of the coming into force of provisions of the Food Standards Act 1999 and the operation of enactments repealed or amended by provisions of that Act. The Regulations come into operation on 1st April 2000. They transfer functions to the Food Standards Agency under legislation having effect in relation to food safety, consumer protection and animal feed, as specified in the Regulations, and also provide for continuity in relation to transferred functions.

Regulation 2 provides definitions. Regulations 3 to 8 and Schedules 1 to 6 make consequential modifications to Regulations having effect under the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991. Regulation 9 and Schedule 7 make consequential modifications to Emergency Control Orders having effect under that Order. Regulation 10 and Schedule 8 make consequential provisions to certain other enactments. Regulation 11 and Schedule 9 make consequential provisions to Regulations in relation to the monitoring by the Agency of enforcement action. Regulation 12 makes consequential provisions to instruments, as defined in regulation 2(1), and court orders and judgments. Regulation 13 makes transitional provisions and savings and regulation 14 makes transitional provisions and savings relating to powers to make Regulations under Part IV of the Agriculture Act 1970.