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**Reporting of Prices of Milk Products Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2005**

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The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, being a Department designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Reporting of Prices of Milk Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st July 2005.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations –

“the Commission Regulation” means Commission Regulation (EC) No. 562/2005 laying down rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1255/1999 as regards communications between the Member States and the Commission in the milk and milk products sector(c);

“milk processor” means a person operating an establishment which manufactures any of the products listed in Annex VI to the Commission Regulation.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(d) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Provision of information on prices of milk products

3.—(1) A milk processor shall provide to the Department such information relating to the prices of milk products as it may by notice require for the purposes of Article 6 of the Commission Regulation.

(2) The notice referred to under paragraph (1) may require the milk processor to provide the information requested on a weekly basis, and may specify the time, day and format in which the information shall be provided.

(a) S.I. 2000/2812; to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject matter of these Regulations
(b) 1972 c. 68
(c) O.J. No. L95, 14.4.2005, p. 11
(d) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

Offence

4. Any person who fails to comply with a notice referred to in regulation 3(1) shall be guilty of an offence, and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 6th June 2005.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which come into operation on 1st July 2005, make provision for the implementation of Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 562/2005 (O.J. No. L95, 14.4.2005, p. 11) laying down rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1255/1999 as regards communications between the Member States and the Commission in the milk and milk products sector.

Regulation 3 requires milk processors to provide the Department with such information relating to the prices of certain milk products, as it may require by notice. Failure to comply with such a requirement is an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (regulation 4).

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