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**FOOD**

**The Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact  
with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**

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**THE PLASTIC MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT  
WITH FOOD REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006**

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## SCHEDULE

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