

**2008 No. 82**

**FOOD**

**The Meat Products (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008**

*Made* - - - - - *3rd March 2008*

*Coming into operation* - - - - - *6th April 2008*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety<sup>(a)</sup> makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1)(e) and 47(2) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991<sup>(b)</sup>.

In accordance with Article 47(3A) of that Order, it has had regard to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency.

As required by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety<sup>(c)</sup> there has been open and transparent public consultation during the preparation and evaluation of these Regulations.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Meat Products (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and come into operation on 6th April 2008.

**Amendment of the Meat Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004**

2.—(1) The Meat Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004<sup>(d)</sup> are amended in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3.

(2) For paragraph (2)(b) of regulation 5 (name of the food for certain meat products) there is substituted—

“(b) any added ingredient to which sub-paragraph (a) does not apply, other than starch, protein or an ingredient specified in Schedule 3.”

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(a) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)  
(b) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I.7); the Article 2(2) definition of “food” was substituted by S.R. 2004 No.482; Article 2 was also amended by Schedule 6 to the Food Standards Act 1999 (1999 c.28) (“the 1999 Act”) and S.R. 2004 No. 505; Article 47 was amended by paragraph 40 of Schedule 5 to the 1999 Act and S.R. 2004 No.482  
(c) OJ No. L31, 1.2.2002, p.1, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 575/2006 amending Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the number and names of the permanent Scientific Panels of the European Food Safety Authority (OJ No. L100, 8.4.2006, p.3)  
(d) S.R. 2004 No.13 as amended by S.R. 2005 No. 574

(3) In Schedule 3 (added ingredients which are not required to be indicated in the name of the food in the case of a meat product to which regulation 5 applies), items 6 and 7 and the note relating to those items are deleted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 3rd March 2008.



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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Meat Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 (S.R. 2004 No. 13, as amended).

In implementation of Council Directive 77/99/EEC on health problems affecting the production and marketing of meat products and certain other products of animal origin (the text of which was replaced by the text annexed to Council Directive 92/5/EEC, OJ No. L57, 2.3.92, p.1), a provision was included in the Meat Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 to the effect that where meat products of a specified appearance are sold, for the purposes of the Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R. 1996 No. 383, as amended) the name used as the name of the food in the labelling of the products must include an indication of any starch or protein added other than for a technological purpose only. Following the repeal of Council Directive 77/99/EEC, these Regulations remove that requirement (*regulation 2*).