

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2010 No. 125

The Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010

PART 3

Eggs in shell for consumption: general requirements

Derogation relating to free-range eggs

12.—(1) By way of derogation from the provisions of point 1 of Annex II to [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 589/2008](#), eggs to which paragraph (2) applies may be marketed as free-range eggs.

(2) This paragraph applies to eggs that have—

- (a) been produced in a system of production that does not comply with any one or more of the conditions mentioned in paragraph (3); and
- (b) been produced in an establishment—
 - (i) with fewer than 350 laying hens at the time the eggs are produced;
 - (ii) rearing breeding laying hens at the time that the eggs are produced; or
 - (iii) rearing breeding laying hens and with fewer than 350 laying hens at that time.

[^{F1}(3) The conditions are the conditions in the following provisions of the Northern Ireland welfare regulations—

- (a) paragraph 2(d) of Schedule 2;
- (b) paragraph 2(e) of Schedule 2;
- (c) paragraph 5 of Schedule 2;
- (d) paragraph 6(a) of Schedule 2;
- (e) paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 2.]

(4) It is for a person seeking to rely on paragraph (1) in order to market eggs as free-range eggs to prove that the eggs are eggs to which paragraph (2) applies.

F1 [Reg. 12\(3\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Agriculture, Food and Horse \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/347\)](#), regs. 1, **4(3)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Commencement Information

II [Reg. 12](#) in operation at 28.4.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010, Section 12.