# Food Standards Act 1999

**1999 CHAPTER 28**

*Final provisions*

**36 Interpretation.**

(1) In this Act—

"Agency" means the Food Standards Agency;

"animal feedingstuff" means feedingstuff for any description of animals, including any nutritional supplement or other similar substance which is not administered through oral feeding;

"appropriate authorities" means the Secretary of State, the National Assembly for Wales, the Scottish Ministers and the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland;

"Food Safety Promotion Board" means the body of that name established by the agreement establishing implementation bodies done at Dublin on 8th March 1999 between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Ireland;

"the 1990 Act" means the [M1]Food Safety Act 1990; and

"the 1991 Order" means the [M2]Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

(2) Any reference in this Act to "the appropriate authority", in relation to Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, is a reference to the National Assembly for Wales, the Scottish Ministers or the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland (as the case may be).

(3) In this Act the expression "interests of consumers in relation to food" includes (without prejudice to the generality of that expression) interests in relation to the labelling, marking, presenting or advertising of food, and the descriptions which may be applied to food.

(4) Expressions used—

(a) as regards England and Wales and Scotland, in this Act and in the 1990 Act, or

(b) as regards Northern Ireland, in this Act and the 1991 Order,

have, unless the context otherwise requires, the same meaning in this Act as in that Act or that Order (except that in this Act "animal" includes any bird or fish).

(5) The purposes which may be specified in an order under section 1(3) of the 1990 Act (meaning of the term "premises" to include, for specified purposes, ships or aircraft of a description specified by order), or under the corresponding provision of Article 2(2) of the 1991 Order, include purposes relating to provisions of this Act.

**Commencement Information**

**I1** S. 36 wholly in force at 1.4.2000; s. 36 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 43(2); s. 36(2) in force at 11.1.2000 and s. 36(1) in force for certain purposes at 11.1.2000 by S.I. 2000/92, **art. 2(a)(e)**; s. 36 in force at 1.4.2000 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2000/1066, **art. 2**

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1990 c. 16.

**M2** S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7).

**Changes to legislation:**
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Food Standards Act 1999, Section 36.