
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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FOOD

The Imported Food Regulations 1997

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THE IMPORTED FOOD REGULATIONS 1997

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SCHEDULE 1 — EXEMPT PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

1. Fishery products and products derived from aquaculture animals.
2. Live filter-feeding lamellibranch molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods.
3. Frogs' legs and snails.
4. The meat of domestic animals of the following species: bovine...
5. The meat of wild land mammals which are hunted.
6. The meat of non-domesticated animals which are reared and slaughtered...
7. The meat of domestic fowls, turkeys, guinea fowls, ducks and...
8. The meat of birds, including ratites, which are either wild...
9. Meat preparations, meat products, mechanically recovered meat and minced meat...
10. Shell eggs laid by a hen, duck, goose, turkey or...
11. Egg products, other than finished foodstuffs, obtained from eggs laid...

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12. Milk and milk-based products.
13. Honey.
14. Meat extracts and meat powder.
15. Lard and rendered animal fat.
16. Greaves, fishmeal, meatmeal and pork-rind powder.
17. Stomachs, bladders and intestines.
18. Blood and blood products.
19. Bones, bone products, horns, horn products, hooves and hoof products....
20. Gelatin and tallow.

SCHEDULE 2 — AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

1. In paragraph (1) of regulation 2 of the General Food...
2. In sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 2 of Chapter IV of...
3. After sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 2 of Chapter IV of...
4. After paragraph 2 of Chapter IV of Schedule 1 to...

Explanatory Note

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- reg. 2(1) words revoked by [S.S.I. 2009/319 Sch. 3 Pt. 2](#)

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