

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 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

CHAPTER II

GENERAL FOOD LAW

SECTION 3

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF FOOD TRADE

[^{F1}Article 11

Food and feed imported into Great Britain

Food and feed imported into Great Britain for placing on the market within Great Britain must comply with the relevant requirements of food law or conditions recognised by Great Britain to be at least equivalent thereto or, where a specific agreement exists between the United Kingdom and an exporting country, with requirements contained therein.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Art. 11 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The General Food Law \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/641\)](#), regs. 1, **13** (as substituted by [S.I. 2020/1504](#), regs. 1(2), **10(6)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

Article 12

Food and feed exported from [^{F2}Great Britain]

1 Food and feed exported or re-exported from [^{F3}Great Britain] for placing on the market of a third country shall comply with the relevant requirements of food law, unless otherwise requested by the authorities of the importing country or established by the laws, regulations, standards, codes of practice and other legal and administrative procedures as may be in force in the importing country.

In other circumstances, except in the case where foods are injurious to health or feeds are unsafe, food and feed can only be exported or re-exported if the competent authorities of the country of destination have expressly agreed, after having been fully informed of the reasons for which and the circumstances in which the food or feed concerned could not be placed on the market in [^{F3}Great Britain].

[^{F42} Where the provisions of a bilateral agreement concluded between the United Kingdom and a third country are applicable, food and feed exported from the United Kingdom to that third country must comply with those provisions.]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council, SECTION 3. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Art. 12 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The General Food Law \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/641\)](#), regs. 1, **14(a)** (as substituted by S.I. 2020/1504, regs. 1(2), **10(7)(a)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F3** Words in Art. 12(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The General Food Law \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/641\)](#), regs. 1, **14(b)** (as substituted by S.I. 2020/1504, regs. 1(2), **10(7)(a)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F4** Art. 12(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The General Food Law \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/641\)](#), regs. 1, **14(c)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 13

International standards

[^{F5}The appropriate authorities must—]

- (a) contribute to the development of international technical standards for food and feed and sanitary and phytosanitary standards;
- (b) promote the coordination of work on food and feed standards undertaken by international governmental and non-governmental organisations;
- (c) contribute, where relevant and appropriate, to the development of agreements on recognition of the equivalence of specific food and feed-related measures;
- (d) give particular attention to the special development, financial and trade needs of developing countries, with a view to ensuring that international standards do not create unnecessary obstacles to exports from developing countries;
- (e) promote consistency between international technical standards and food law while ensuring that the high level of protection adopted in [^{F6}Great Britain] is not reduced.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Words in Art. 13 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The General Food Law \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/641\)](#), regs. 1, **15(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F6** Words in Art. 13(e) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The General Food Law \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/641\)](#), regs. 1, **15(b)** (as substituted by S.I. 2020/1504, regs. 1(2), **10(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

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