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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 762 (N.I. 7)**

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Food Safety(Northern Ireland) Order 1991**

*Made - - - - 20th March 1991  
Coming into operation in accordance with Article  
1(2) and (3)*

**THE FOOD SAFETY(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1991**

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

1. Title and commencement
2. Interpretation
3. Application to food offered as prizes, etc.
4. Presumptions that food intended for human consumption

PART II

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO FOOD

5. Interpretation

*Food safety*

6. Rendering food injurious to health
7. Selling food not complying with food safety requirements
8. Inspection and seizure of suspected food
9. Improvement notices
10. Prohibition orders
11. Emergency prohibition notices and orders
12. Emergency control orders

*Consumer protection*

13. Selling food not of the nature or substance or quality demanded
14. Falsely describing or presenting food

*Regulations*

15. Food safety and consumer protection

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

16. Enforcement of Community provisions
17. Special provisions for particular foods, etc.
18. Registration and licensing of food premises

*Defences, etc.*

19. Offences due to fault of another person
20. Defence of due diligence
21. Defence of publication in the course of business

*Miscellaneous and supplemental*

22. Provision of food hygiene training
23. Provision of facilities for cleansing shellfish
24. Orders for facilitating the exercise of functions
25. Regulations and orders: supplementary provisions

PART III

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

*Administration*

26. Enforcement of this Order
27. Appointment of public and other analysts
28. Provision of facilities for examinations

*Sampling and analysis, etc.*

29. Procurement of samples
30. Analysis, etc., of samples procured by authorised officer of a district council
31. Analysis, etc., of samples procured by authorised officer of the Department of Agriculture
32. Regulation of sampling and analysis, etc.

*Powers of entry and obstruction, etc.*

33. Powers of entry
34. Obstruction, etc., of officers

*Offences*

35. Time limit for prosecutions
36. Punishment of offences

*Appeals*

37. Appeals
38. Appeals against improvement notices

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

*Powers of Department*

39. Power to issue codes of practice
40. Power to require returns

41. Default powers

*Protective provisions*

- 42. Continuance of registration or licence on death
- 43. Protection of public analyst acting in good faith

*Financial provisions*

- 44. Regulations as to charges
- 45. Expenses of authorised officers

*Importation*

- 46. Prohibition on importation of particular foods

*Supplemental*

- 47. Regulations and orders
  - 48. Form and authentication of documents
  - 49. Application to Crown
  - 50. Water supply
  - 51. Amendments, transitional provisions, savings and repeals
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SCHEDULES:

Schedule 1 — Provisions of regulations under Article 15(1).

Schedule 2 — Amendments.

Schedule 3 — Transitional provisions and savings.

Schedule 4 — Repeals.

Explanatory Note