

1990 No. 13

MILK

Milk (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made 16th January 1990

Coming into operation 1st April 1990

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 4(1), (2) and (3), 6(1), 7 and 9(1) of the Milk (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Milk (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1990.

Amendment to the Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

2. The Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For regulation 19(5) there shall be substituted—

“(5) (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b) retail containers shall be marked with the words “Untreated Milk” and with the words “This milk has not been heat treated and may therefore contain organisms harmful to health”.

(b) Until 31st August 1990, as an alternative to the requirement in sub-paragraph (a), retail containers may be marked with the words “Raw Unpasteurised Milk” in coloured lettering and where a container is a bottle the words shall appear elsewhere than on the cap.”;

(2) For regulation 37(2) there shall be substituted—

“(2) Samples of milk produced for sale by the holder of an untreated milk licence shall contain not more than 20,000 bacteria per millilitre when subjected to the total viable bacterial count test in accordance with the procedure set out in the Eighth Schedule and less than 100 coliform bacteria per millilitre when subjected to the coliform test in accordance with the procedure set out in the Ninth Schedule.”;

(3) For paragraph 5(1) of the Tenth Schedule there shall be substituted—

“5.—(1) An unopened package of the milk to be tested or a representative sample of not less than 100 ml shall be incubated for 120 hours \pm 2 hours at 6°C in an incubator.”.

(a) S.I. 1983/148 (N.I. 2)

(b) S.R. 1987 No. 229 as amended by S.R. 1988 No. 436

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 16th
January 1990.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987
by—

- (a) requiring retail containers of untreated milk to be marked with the words “Untreated Milk” and with the words “This milk has not been heat treated and may therefore contain organisms harmful to health” — until 31st August 1990, however, as an alternative, retail containers may be marked with the words “Raw Unpasteurised Milk” (regulation 2(1));
- (b) requiring the holder of an untreated milk licence to ensure that samples of untreated milk meet a more stringent total viable bacterial count test standard of 20,000 bacteria per ml rather than 50,000 bacteria per ml and requiring untreated milk to meet a standard of less than 100 coliform bacteria per ml when subjected to the coliform test (regulation 2(2)).

The Regulations also provide for a minor amendment in the procedures for carrying out the total viable bacterial count test at 21°C (regulation 2(3)).

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These Orders has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. Summaries are given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.