
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 253

**Food Labelling (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998**

Other amendments

17.—(1) In the Jam and Similar Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982(1) after regulation 21 there shall be inserted —

“Defence in relation to quantitative ingredient labelling

22. In any proceedings for an offence under these Regulations where it is alleged that any food described at item 7, 8, 9 or 10 in column 2 of Schedule 1 was sold in contravention of regulation 8(1), 8(2) or 9, it shall be a defence for the person charged to prove that the requirements of regulation 19 of the Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (indication of quantities of certain ingredients or categories of ingredients) were met in respect of the food concerned.”.

(2) In the Meat Products and Spreadable Fish Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(2) after regulation 21 there shall be inserted—

“Defence in relation to quantitative ingredient labelling

22. In any proceedings for an offence under these Regulations in respect of an alleged contravention of, or failure to comply with, any provision of regulation 7, 8 or 10, it shall, in so far as that provision conflicts with regulation 19 of the Food Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (indication of quantities of certain ingredients or categories of ingredients) be a defence for the person charged to prove that the requirements of the latter regulation were met in respect of the product concerned.”.

(3) In the Food Safety (Temperature Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(3), in regulation 2(1) (interpretation) there shall be inserted in the definition of “shelf life” after paragraph (b) the following paragraph—

“(c) in relation to food which is not required to bear an indication of minimum durability or a “use by” date, the period for which the food can be expected to remain fit for sale if it is kept in a manner which is consistent with food safety;”.

(1) S.R. 1982 No. 105; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1982 No. 398, S.R. 1990 No. 388, S.R. 1991 No. 344 and S.R. 1996 No. 383
(2) S.R. 1984 No. 408; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1986 No. 227, S.R. 1991 No. 344 and S.R. 1996 No. 383
(3) S.R. 1995 No. 377; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1996 No. 383