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**The Imported Food (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations
1981**

Made - - - - - 27th July 1981

Laid before Parliament 7th August 1981

Coming into Operation 15th November 1981

The Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 13 and 123(1) and (6) of the Food and Drugs Act 1955^(a) as applied to Northern Ireland by section 134 of, and Schedule 10 to, that Act and now vested in them^(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by the regulations and after reference to the Food Hygiene Advisory Council under section 82 of the said Act of 1955 as so applied, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Imported Food (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 15th November 1981.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations the expression “the principal regulations” means the Imported Food (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1968^(c).

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule to the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958^(d) the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954^(e) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to an enactment within the meaning of the last mentioned Act.

Amendment of the principal regulations

3. Regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations shall be amended—

- (a) by inserting after the definition of “food” the following definition:—
 “‘fresh poultry meat’ in Schedule 5 means fresh meat from the following species — domestic fowls, turkeys, guinea fowls, ducks and geese which have not been treated to ensure their preservation; however, poultry meat which has been chilled or frozen shall be considered to be fresh;”;

(a) 1955 c. 16 (4 & 5 Eliz.2).

(c) S.I. 1968/98, amended by S.I. 1973/1350, 1979/1427.

(d) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.).

(b) S.I. 1968/1699

(e) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

- (b) by substituting for the definition of “meat” the following definition:—
“ ‘meat’ means the flesh or other edible part of a mammal other than a rabbit or hare, and includes meat which has been cured or smoked, and in Schedule 1 includes poultry meat;”;
- (c) by inserting in the definition of “meat product” after the words “Schedule 1” the words “which consists of, or contains, meat or is derived in whole or in part from meat or poultry meat”;
- (d) by inserting in the definition of “poultry meat” after the word “means” the words “except in Schedule 5”.

23rd July 1981. *William Whitelaw,*
Secretary of State for the Home Department.

27th July 1981. *Patrick Jenkin,*
Secretary of State for Social Services.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 14th July 1981.

(L.S.) *Peter Walker,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations come into operation on 15th November 1981 and further amend the Imported Food (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1968.

The Regulations—

- (a) add poultry meat products to the meat and meat products covered by Part III of the principal Regulations under which imports are permitted only if they are accompanied by an official certificate recognised under those Regulations;
- (b) define the words “fresh poultry meat” for the purpose of Schedule 5 to the principal Regulations, which sets out a model health certificate for fresh poultry meat.

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