
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 728

The Prison Rules 1999

PART II

PRISONERS

PHYSICAL WELFARE AND WORK

Food

24.—(1) Subject to any directions of the Secretary of State, no prisoner shall be allowed, except as authorised by [^{F1}a health care professional]^{F2} ..., to have any food other than that ordinarily provided.

(2) The food provided shall be wholesome, nutritious, well prepared and served, reasonably varied and sufficient in quantity.

(3) ^{F3}... Any person deemed by the governor to be competent, shall from time to time inspect the food both before and after it is cooked and shall report any deficiency or defect to the governor.

(4) In this rule "food" includes drink.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in rule 24(1) substituted (3.1.2006) by [The Prison \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Rules 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3437\)](#), rule 1, [Sch. 1 para. 5\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words in rule 24(1) omitted (1.1.2010) by virtue of [The Prison and Young Offender Institution \(Amendment\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/3082\)](#), rule 1, [Sch. 1 para. 4\(b\)](#)
- F3** Words in rule 24(3) omitted (3.1.2006) by virtue of [The Prison \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Rules 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3437\)](#), rule 1, [Sch. 1 para. 5\(b\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

The Prison Rules 1999, Section 24 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- rule 51(1B)-(1D) inserted by [S.I. 2024/212 rule 2\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- rule 51(23A) inserted by [S.I. 2024/212 rule 2\(3\)\(e\)](#)
- rule 55(1)(i) inserted by [S.I. 2024/212 rule 2\(5\)\(a\)](#)