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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 3279**

**The General Food Regulations 2004**

**Competent authorities for the purposes of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002**

3.—(1) The following bodies are designated as the competent authorities for the purposes of the provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 specified in paragraph (2) —

- (a) the Agency,
  - (b) each port health authority in its district, and
  - (c) outside such districts, each food authority in its area.
- (2) Those provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 are —
- (a) Article 14(8) (power of competent authorities to take appropriate measures to impose restrictions on the placing of food on the market or to require its withdrawal from the market in certain circumstances);
  - (b) Article 18(2) and (3) (competent authorities to whom food business operators must make information available on demand as to the traceability of food);
  - (c) Article 19 (food business operators to inform and collaborate with competent authorities to avoid or reduce risks posed by a food).