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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition

Control of Irradiation

REGULATIONS, DATED 26TH AUGUST 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTIONS 4 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 4 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**a**), having consulted with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1969.

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. For regulation 3 of the Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(**b**) there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"**3.** No person shall in the preparation of any food subject it to ionising radiation:

Provided that this regulation shall not prohibit the subjection of food to not more than 10 rad of ionising radiation where the energy of the radiation delivered does not exceed 5,000,000 electron volts, or the subjection to ionising radiation of any food—

(*a*) which is certified by a registered medical practitioner to be intended for consumption by patients who require a sterile diet as an essential factor in their treatment; and

(*b*) in respect of which the person who subjects it to ionising radiation so notifies the Ministry of Health and Social Services and keeps records which contain particulars of—

(i) the certification mentioned in paragraph (*a*),

(ii) the food so subjected,

(iii) the quantity of radiation to which it has been subjected and

(iv) the despatch of the food."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 26th day of August 1969.

(L.S.)

S. H. O'Fee,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1958. c. 27.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 51

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Food (Control of Irradiation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 prohibit, subject to one exception, the application of ionising radiation to food intended for sale for human consumption. These regulations make a further exception, to permit the irradiation of food for patients who are certified by a registered medical practitioner to require a sterile diet as an essential factor in their treatment.