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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 762**

**The Food Safety(Northern Ireland) Order 1991**

**PART III**

**ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

*Sampling and analysis, etc.*

**Analysis, etc., of samples procured by authorised officer of the Department of Agriculture**

**31.**—(1) An authorised officer of the Department of Agriculture who has procured a sample under Article 29 may—

- (a) if he considers that the sample should be analysed by an analyst appointed under Article 27(6), submit it to be so analysed;
- (b) if he considers that the sample should be examined by a food examiner, submit it to be so examined.

(2) Paragraphs (4) to (8) of Article 30 shall apply for the purpose of the analysis or examination of a sample submitted under paragraph (1) of this Article as they apply for the purpose of the analysis or examination of a sample submitted under paragraph (1) of Article 30.

(3) For the purposes of this Article—

“food analyst” means an analyst appointed under Article 27(6) or any other person who possesses the requisite qualifications to carry out analyses for the purposes of this Order;

“food examiner” means any person who possesses the requisite qualifications to carry out examinations for the purposes of this Order;

“the requisite qualifications” means such qualifications as may be prescribed by regulations, or such other qualifications as the Department of Agriculture may approve;

“sample”, in relation to an authorised officer of the Department of Agriculture, includes any part of a sample retained by him in pursuance of regulations under Article 32.