



Food Safety Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 16

PART III

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Offences

34 Time limit for prosecutions.

No prosecution for an offence under this Act which is punishable under section 35(2) below shall be begun after the expiry of—

- (a) three years from the commission of the offence; or
 - (b) one year from its discovery by the prosecutor,
- whichever is the earlier.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 34 applied (with modifications) (1.1.1993 for certain purposes and 15.1.1993 otherwise) by [S.I. 1992/3163, regs. 1, 18\(1\)](#) (which S.I. was revoked (29.4.1998) by [S.I. 1998/994, reg. 59\(1\), Sch. 5](#))
- S. 34 applied (with modifications) (1.1.1993 for certain purposes and 15.1.1993 otherwise) by [S.I. 1992/3164, regs. 1, 19\(1\)](#) (which S.I. was revoked (29.4.1998) by [S.I. 1998/994, reg. 59\(1\), Sch. 5](#))
- S. 34 applied (14.7.1993) by [S.I. 1993/1520, reg. 2\(5\)](#)
- S. 34 applied (with modifications) (15.9.1995) by [S.I. 1995/1763, reg. 7\(g\)](#)
- S. 34 applied (with modifications) (15.9.1995) by [S.I. 1995/2200, reg. 18](#)
- S. 34 applied (with modifications) (17.11.1997) by [S.I. 1997/2537, reg. 9](#)
- S. 34 applied (with modifications) (29.4.1998) by [S.I. 1998/994, reg. 55\(1\)\(f\)](#)
- C2** S. 34 applied (E.) (4.10.2004) by [Genetically Modified Food \(England\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/2335\), regs. 1\(b\), 6\(2\)](#)
- C3** S. 34 applied (with modifications) (15.11.2004) by [Genetically Modified Food \(Scotland\) Regulations 2004 \(S.S.I. 2004/432\), regs. 1\(1\), 6\(2\)](#)
- C4** S. 34 applied (17.12.2004) by [Genetically Modified Food \(Wales\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/3220\), regs. 1\(b\), 6\(2\)](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 20/12/2004. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Food Safety Act 1990, Section 34 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 June 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.