

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety

CHAPTER II

GENERAL FOOD LAW

SECTION 4

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF FOOD LAW

Article 18

Traceability

1 The traceability of food, feed, food-producing animals, and any other substance intended to be, or expected to be, incorporated into a food or feed shall be established at all stages of production, processing and distribution.

2 Food and feed business operators shall be able to identify any person from whom they have been supplied with a food, a feed, a food-producing animal, or any substance intended to be, or expected to be, incorporated into a food or feed.

To this end, such operators shall have in place systems and procedures which allow for this information to be made available to the competent authorities on demand.

3 Food and feed business operators shall have in place systems and procedures to identify the other businesses to which their products have been supplied. This information shall be made available to the competent authorities on demand.

4 Food or feed which is placed on the market or is likely to be placed on the market in [F1Great Britain] shall be adequately labelled or identified to facilitate its traceability, through relevant documentation or information in accordance with the relevant requirements of more specific provisions.

[F25 The appropriate authority may make regulations for the purpose of applying the requirements of this Article in respect of specific sectors.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Art. 18(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The General Food Law \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/641\)](#), regs. 1, **19(a)** (as substituted by S.I. 2020/1504, regs. 1(2), **10(11)(a)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F2** Art. 18(5) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The General Food Law \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/641\)](#), regs. 1, **19(b)** (as substituted by S.I. 2020/1504, regs. 1(2), **10(11)(b)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 18.