

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 1

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOOD LAW

Article 7

Precautionary principle

1 In specific circumstances where, following an assessment of available information, the possibility of harmful effects on health is identified but scientific uncertainty persists, provisional risk management measures necessary to ensure the high level of health protection chosen in [F1Great Britain] may be adopted, pending further scientific information for a more comprehensive risk assessment.

2 Measures adopted on the basis of paragraph 1 shall be proportionate and no more restrictive of trade than is required to achieve the high level of health protection chosen in [F1Great Britain], regard being had to technical and economic feasibility and other factors regarded as legitimate in the matter under consideration. The measures shall be reviewed within a reasonable period of time, depending on the nature of the risk to life or health identified and the type of scientific information needed to clarify the scientific uncertainty and to conduct a more comprehensive risk assessment.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Art. 7 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The General Food Law \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/641\)](#), regs. 1, **11** (as substituted by [S.I. 2020/1504](#), regs. 1(2), **10(5)**); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

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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 7.