
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Food Safety(Northern Ireland) Order 1991

PART II

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO FOOD

Regulations

Registration and licensing of food premises

18.—(1) Regulations may make provision—

- (a) for the registration by district councils of premises used or proposed to be used for the purposes of a food business, and for prohibiting the use for those purposes of any premises which are not registered in accordance with the regulations; or
- (b) subject to paragraph (2), for the issue by district councils or, as the case may be, the Department of Agriculture of licences in respect of the use of premises for the purposes of a food business, and for prohibiting the use for those purposes of any premises except in accordance with a licence issued under the regulations.

(2) The Department concerned shall exercise the power conferred by paragraph (1)(b) only where it appears to that Department to be necessary or expedient to do so—

- (a) for the purpose of securing that food complies with food safety requirements or in the interests of the public health; or
- (b) for the purpose of protecting or promoting the interests of consumers.