
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Food Safety(Northern Ireland) Order 1991

PART II

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO FOOD

Interpretation

5.—(1) In this Part “injury”, in relation to health, includes any impairment, whether permanent or temporary, and “injurious to health” shall be construed accordingly.

(2) For the purposes of this Part, food fails to comply with food safety requirements if—

- (a) it has been rendered injurious to health by means of any of the operations mentioned in Article 6;
- (b) it is unfit for human consumption; or
- (c) it is so contaminated (whether by extraneous matter or otherwise) that it would not be reasonable to expect it to be used for human consumption in that state;

and references to such requirements or to food complying with such requirements shall be construed accordingly.

(3) In determining for the purposes of paragraph (2) and Article 6 whether any food is injurious to health, regard shall be had—

- (a) not only to the probable effect of that food on the health of a person consuming it; but
- (b) also to the probable cumulative effect of food of substantially the same composition on the health of a person consuming it in ordinary quantities.

(4) For the purposes of this Part, subject to paragraph (5), any part of, or product derived wholly or partly from, an animal which has been slaughtered otherwise than in a slaughter-house, shall be deemed to be unfit for human consumption.

(5) In paragraph (4), “animal” has the same meaning as in the Slaughter of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1932(1) and that paragraph shall not apply where accident, illness or emergency affecting the animal in question required it to be slaughtered as mentioned in that paragraph.