STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1991 No. 762

The Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

PART III

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Administration

Enforcement of this Order

- **26.**—[F1(1) Subject to [F2 paragraphs (1A) and (1B)], the provisions of this Order shall be enforced and executed by each district council within its district.
- (1A) The Department of Agriculture shall enforce and execute such provisions of this Order as may be specified by order.]
- [F2(1B) The Food Standards Agency shall enforce and execute such provisions of this Order as may be specified by order.]
- (2) [F1The][F2 Department] may direct, in relation to cases of a particular description or a particular case, that any duty imposed on district councils by paragraph (1) shall be discharged by[F1[F2 the Department, the Department of Agriculture or the Food Standards Agency] or any person who is generally or specially authorised in writing by[F2 the Department, the Department of Agriculture or the Food Standards Agency]] and not by those councils.
- (3) Regulations or orders shall specify which authorities are to enforce and execute them, either generally or in relation to cases of a particular description or a particular area, and any such regulations or orders may provide for the giving of assistance and information, by any authority concerned in the administration of the regulations or orders, or of any provisions of this Order, to any other authority so concerned, for the purposes of their respective duties under them.
- [F2(3A)] Regulations or orders under paragraph (3) may specify the Food Standards Agency as an authority to enforce and execute them and references in that paragraph to any authority concerned include references to the Food Standards Agency.]
- (4) The [F2 Department] may take over the conduct of any F1... proceedings which have been instituted by a district council [F2 or may direct the Food Standards Agency to do so] [F1 under any provisions of this Order or any regulations or orders made under it].
- [F2(4A) The Food Standards Agency may take over the conduct of any such proceedings but (unless the Agency has been directed to do so under paragraph (4)) only with the consent of the district council which instituted them.]

Para. (5) rep. by 1996 NI 12

F1	1996 NI 12
F2	1999 c. 28

Appointment of public and other analysts

- **27.**—(1) Every district council shall appoint in accordance with this Article one or more than one person ("public analysts") to act as analysts within the district of the council for the purposes of the functions conferred on district councils by this Order.
 - (2) A person shall not be appointed as a public analyst unless he possesses—
 - (a) such qualifications as may be prescirbed by regulations; or
 - (b) such other qualifications as the Department may approve.
- (3) A person who is engaged directly or indirectly in any food business which is carried on in any district shall not be appointed public analyst for that district.
- (4) A district council shall pay to a public analyst such remuneration as may be agreed upon by the council and the analyst, and that remuneration may be expressed to be payable—
 - (a) in addition to any fees received by him under this Part; or
 - (b) on condition that any fees so received by him are paid over by him to the council.
- (5) A district council which appoints only one public analyst may appoint also a deputy to act during any vacancy in the office of public analyst, or during the absence or incapacity of the holder of the office, and the provisions of paragraphs (2) to (4) shall apply in relation to a deputy public analyst as they apply in relation to a public analyst.
- (6) The Department of Agriculture may appoint one or more than one person to act as analysts for the purposes of the functions [F3] of that Department under] this Order; and the provisions of paragraphs (2), (4) and (5) shall apply to an analyst appointed by that Department under this paragraph as they apply to a public analyst appointed by a district council under paragraph (1) with the following modifications—

Sub#para. (a) rep. by 1999 c. 28

- (b) in paragraphs (4) and (5) for any reference to a district council there shall be substituted a reference to the Department of Agriculture.
- F3 1996 NI 12

Provision of facilities for examinations

28. A district council may provide facilities for examinations for the purposes of this Order.

Sampling and analysis, etc.

Procurement of samples

- F429. An authorised officer may—
 - (a) purchase a sample of any food, or any substance capable of being used in the preparation of food;
 - (b) take a sample of any food, or any such substance, which—
 - (i) appears to him to be intended for sale, or to have been sold, for human consumption; or
 - F5(ii) is found by him on or in any premises which he is authorised to enter by or under Article 33;
 - F5(c) take a sample from any food source, or a sample of any contact material, which is found by him on or in any such premises;

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- take a sample of any article or substance which is found by him on or in any such premises and which he has reason to believe may be required as evidence in proceedings under any of the provisions of this Order or of regulations or orders made under it.
- **F4** mod. by SR 2002/140, 141, 226, 293, 307; 2003/299, 353, 360, 362, 377
- **F5** mod. by SR 2005/284

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 mod. by SR 2004/487
- C2 Art. 29 applied (with modifications) (14.4.2008) by Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/98), reg. 20
- C3 Art. 29 applied (with modifications) (22.12.2008) by Eggs and Chicks (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/451), reg. 20
- C4 Art. 29 applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food (Jelly Mini-Cups) (Emergency Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/417), reg. 5(5)
- C5 Art. 29 applied (with modifications) (28.4.2010) by Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/125), reg. 29
- C6 Art. 29 applied (with modifications) (14.10.2011) by Poultrymeat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/315), reg. 26(1)(b)(2)
- C7 Art. 29 applied with modifications (7.10.2013) by The Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/219), regs. 1, 9, **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1**
- C8 Art. 29 applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/223), regs. 1(2), 12, Sch. 4 Pt. 4
- C9 Art. 29 applied (with modifications) (11.9.2015) by The Country of Origin of Certain Meats Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/321), regs. 1, 6(4), Sch. Pt. 4
- C10 Art. 29 applied (with modifications) (28.11.2015) by The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/365), regs. 1, 34(3), Sch. 12 Pt. 4 Table
- C11 Art. 29 applied with modification(s) (31.3.2016) by The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/54), regs. 1, 32(4)
- C12 Art. 29(b)(ii) applied (with modifications) (20.7.2016) by The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/251), reg. 1, Sch. 2 Pt. 2

Analysis, etc., of samples procured by authorised officer of a district council

- **30.**—F6(1) An authorised officer of a district council who has procured a sample under Article 29 shall—
 - (a) if he considers that the sample should be analysed, submit it to be analysed either—
 - (i) by the public analyst for the district in which the sample was procured; or
 - (ii) by the public analyst for the district which consists of or includes the district of the council;
 - (b) if he considers that the sample should be examined, submit it to be examined by a food examiner.
- (2) A person, other than such an officer, who has purchased any food, or any substance capable of being used in the preparation of food, may submit a sample of it—
 - (a) to be analysed by the public analyst for the district in which the purchase was made; or
 - (b) to be examined by a food examiner.

- (3) If, in any case where a sample is proposed to be submitted for analysis under this Article, the office of public analyst for the district in question is vacant, the sample shall be submitted to the public analyst for some other district.
- (4) If, in any case where a sample is proposed to be or is submitted for analysis or examination under this Article, the food analyst or examiner determines that he is for any reason unable to perform the analysis or examination, the sample shall be submitted or, as the case may be, sent by him to such other food analyst or examiner as he may determine.
- (5) A food analyst or examiner shall analyse or examine as soon as practicable any sample submitted or sent to him under this Article, but may, except where—
 - (a) he is the public analyst for the district in question; and
- (b) the sample is submitted to him for analysis by an authorised officer of a district council, demand in advance the payment of such reasonable fee as he may require.
- (6) A food analyst or examiner who has analysed or examined a sample shall give to the person by whom it was submitted a certificate specifying the result of the analysis or examination.
- (7) Any certificate given by a food analyst or examiner under paragraph (6) shall be signed by him, but the analysis or examination may be made by any person acting under his direction.
 - (8) In any proceedings under this Order, the production by one of the parties—
 - (a) of a document purporting to be a certificate given by a food analyst or examiner under paragraph (6); or
- (b) of a document supplied to him by the other party as being a copy of such a certificate, shall be sufficient evidence of the facts stated in it unless, in a case falling within sub#paragraph (a), the other party requires that the food analyst or examiner shall be called as a witness.
 - (9) In this Article—
 - "food analyst" means a public analyst or any other person who possesses the requisite qualifications to carry out analyses for the purposes of this Order;
 - "food examiner" means any person who possesses the requisite qualifications to carry out examinations for the purposes of this Order;
 - "the requisite qualifications" means such qualifications as may be prescribed by regulations, or such other qualifications as the Department may approve;
 - "sample", in relation to an authorised officer of a district council, includes any part of a sample retained by him in pursuance of regulations under Article 32;
 - and where 2 or more than 2 public analysts are appointed for any district, any reference in this Article to the public analyst for that district shall be construed as a reference to either or any of them.

F6 mod. by SR 2005/284

- C13 Art. 30 applied (19.11.2006) by Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (No 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/420), reg. 19(3)(d)
- C14 Art. 30 applied (31.10.2007) by Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/420), reg. 17(7) (with reg. 3)
- C15 Art. 30 applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food (Jelly Mini-Cups) (Emergency Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/417), reg. 5(1)(d)
- C16 Arts. 3031 applied with modification(s) (31.3.2016) by The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/54), regs. 1, 32(5)

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- C17 Art. 30(8) applied (30.6.2006) by Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/251), reg. 21(1)(b);
 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2006) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/256), reg. 5(1)(d);
 Art. 30(8) applied (19.11.2006) by Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (No 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/420), reg. 22(1)(b)
- C18 mod. by SR 2004/487
- C19 Art. 30(8) applied (1.3.2007) by Notification of Marketing of Food for Particular Nutritional Uses Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/60), reg. 7(f)
- C20 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuff's Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/65), reg. 10(e)
- C21 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/66), reg. 5(1)(d)
- C22 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/110), reg. 10(e)
- C23 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (7.8.2007) by Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Other Substances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/301), reg. 5(f)
- C24 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.10.2007) by Nutrition and Health Claims Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/349), reg. 6(f)
- C25 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (5.11.2007) by Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Lid Gaskets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/419), reg. 10(b)
- C26 Art. 30(8) applied (31.10.2007) by Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/420), reg. 22(1)(f) (with reg. 3)
- C27 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (5.11.2007) by Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/434), regs. 1(2), 20(1)(c)
- C28 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (11.1.2008) by Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/506), reg. 29(d)
- C29 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (14.4.2008) by Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/98), reg. 20
- C30 Art. 30(8) applied (5.5.2008) by Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/167), reg. 25(b)
- C31 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2008) by Drinking Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/237), reg. 7(f)
- C32 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2008) by Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards) and the Milk and Milk Products (Protection of Designations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/239), regs. 3, 7(g)
- C33 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (22.12.2008) by Eggs and Chicks (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/451), reg. 20
- C34 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2009) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/220), reg. 5(1)(d)
- C35 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (31.7.2009) by Food Irradiation Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/258), reg. 11(1)(f)
- C36 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/398), reg. 4(d)
- C37 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Enzymes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/415), reg. 5(1)(c)
- C38 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/416), reg. 16(1)(e)
- C39 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/54), reg. 10(d)
- C40 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (28.4.2010) by Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/125), reg. 29

- Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (20.10.2010) by Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/321), reg. 20(1)(b) (with reg. 3)
- C42 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (20.10.2010) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/335), reg. 5(1)(d)
- C43 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2011) by Flavourings in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/414), reg. 5(1)(c)
- C44 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2011) by Plastic Kitchenware (Conditions on Imports from China) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/236), reg. 11(1)(c)
- C45 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (14.10.2011) by Poultrymeat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/315), reg. 26(1)(c)(2)
- C46 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2012) by The Foodstuffs Suitable for People Intolerant to Gluten Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/338), regs. 1, 5(d)
- C47 Art. 30(8) applied with modifications (20.11.2012) by The Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (S.R. 2012/384), regs. 1, 26(1)(b) (with reg. 3)
- C48 Art. 30(8) applied (7.10.2013) by The Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/219), regs. 1, 9, Sch. Pt 1 para. 1
- C49 Art. 30(8) applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/220), regs. 1, 19, Sch. 5
- C50 Art. 30(8) applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/229), regs. 1, 8(1)(d)
- C51 Art. 30(8) applied with modifications (20.11.2013) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/253), regs. 1(1), 19, Sch.
- C52 Art. 30(8) applied with modifications (20.11.2013) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/253), regs. 1(1), 19, Sch. 14
- C53 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/223), regs. 1(2), 12, Sch. 4 Pt. 4
- C54 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Products Containing Meat etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/285), regs. 1, 9, Sch. 2
- C55 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (24.6.2015) by The Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/261), reg. 1, Sch. 2
- C56 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (11.9.2015) by The Country of Origin of Certain Meats Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/321), regs. 1, 6(4), Sch. Pt. 4
- C57 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (28.11.2015) by The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/365), regs. 1, 34(3), Sch. 12 Pt. 4 Table
- C58 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (20.7.2016) by The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/251), reg. 1, Sch. 2 Pt.
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- C59 Art. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (22.12.2016) by The Caseins and Caseinates Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/415), reg. 1, Sch. 5 Pt. 2

Analysis, etc., of samples procured by authorised officer of the Department of Agriculture

- **31.**—(1) An authorised officer of the Department of Agriculture who has procured a sample under Article 29 may—
 - (a) if he considers that the sample should be analysed by an analyst appointed under Article 27(6), submit it to be so analysed;
 - (b) if he considers that the sample should be examined by a food examiner, submit it to be so examined.
- [^{F7}(1A) An authorised officer of the Food Standards Agency who has procured a sample under Article 29 may—

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- (a) if he considers that the sample should be analysed by a public analyst or a food analyst, submit it to be so analysed;
- (b) if he considers that the sample should be examined by a food examiner, submit it to be so examined.

and for the purposes of this paragraph references in Article 27(1) and (6) to functions conferred on district councils or to the functions of the Department of Agriculture include references to functions of the Food Standards Agency.]

- (2) Paragraphs (4) to (8) of Article 30 shall apply for the purpose of the analysis or examination of a sample submitted under paragraph (1)[^{F7} or (1A)] of this Article as they apply for the purpose of the analysis or examination of a sample submitted under paragraph (1) of Article 30.
 - (3) For the purposes of this Article—
 - "food analyst" means an analyst appointed under Article 27(6) or any other person who possesses the requisite qualifications to carry out analyses for the purposes of this Order;
 - "food examiner" means any person who possesses the requisite qualifications to carry out examinations for the purposes of this Order;
 - "the requisite qualifications" means such qualifications as may be prescribed by regulations, or such other qualifications as the [F7 Department] may approve;
 - "sample", in relation to an authorised officer of the Department of Agriculture [F7] or the Food Standards Agency], includes any part of a sample retained by him in pursuance of regulations under Article 32.

F7 1999 c. 28

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C16 Arts. 3031 applied with modification(s) (31.3.2016) by The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/54), regs. 1, 32(5)

Regulation of sampling and analysis, etc.

- **32.**—(1) Regulations may make provision for supplementing or modifying the provisions of Articles 29 to 31.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), regulations made under that paragraph may make provision with respect to—
 - (a) the matters to be taken into account in determining whether, and at what times, samples should be procured;
 - (b) the manner of procuring samples, including the steps to be taken in order to ensure that any samples procured are fair samples;
 - (c) the method of dealing with samples, including (where appropriate) their division into parts;
 - (d) the persons to whom parts of samples are to be given and the persons by whom such parts are to be retained;
 - (e) the notices which are to be given to, and the information which is to be furnished by, the persons in charge of any food, substance, contact material or food source of or from which samples are procured;
 - (f) the methods which are to be used in analysing or examining samples, or parts of samples, or in classifying the results of analyses or examinations;

- (g) the circumstances in which a food analyst or examiner is to be precluded, by reason of a conflict of interest, from analysing or examining a particular sample or part of a sample; and
- (h) the circumstances in which samples, or parts of samples, are to be or may be submitted for analysis or examination—
 - (i) to the Government Chemist, or to such other food analyst or examiner as he may direct; or
 - (ii) to a person determined by or under the regulations.

Powers of entry and obstruction, etc.

Powers of entry

- **33.**—(1) An authorised officer shall, on producing, if so required, some duly authenticated document showing his authority, have a right at all reasonable hours—
 - (a) to enter any premises for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is or has been on the premises any contravention of the provisions of this Order, or of regulations or orders made under it; and
 - (b) to enter any premises for the purpose of the performance by the district council or, as the case may be, [F8] the Food Standards Agency or] the Department of Agriculture of its functions under this Order; and
 - (c) in the case of an authorised officer of a district council, to enter any business premises outside the council's district for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is on the premises any evidence of any contravention within that district of any of the provisions of this Order or of regulations or orders made under it.
- (2) Admission to any premises used only as a private dwelling#house shall not be demanded under paragraph (1) as of right unless 24 hours' notice of the intended entry has been given to the occupier.
- (3) If a justice of the peace, on sworn complaint in writing, is satisfied that there is reasonable ground for entry into any premises for any purpose mentioned in paragraph (1) and either—
 - (a) that admission to the premises has been refused, or a refusal is apprehended, and that notice of the intention to apply for a warrant has been given to the occupier; or
 - (b) that an application for admission, or the giving of such a notice, would defeat the object of the entry, or that the case is one of urgency, or that the premises are unoccupied or the occupier temporarily absent,

the justice may by warrant signed by him authorise the authorised officer to enter the premises, if need be by reasonable force.

- (4) Every warrant granted under this Article shall continue in force for a period of one month.
- (5) An authorised officer entering any premises by virtue of this Article, or of a warrant issued under it, may take with him such other persons as he considers necessary, and on leaving any unoccupied premises which he has entered by virtue of such a warrant shall leave them as effectively secured against unauthorised entry as he found them.
- (6) An authorised officer entering premises by virtue of this Article, or of a warrant issued under it, may inspect any records (in whatever form they are held) relating to a food business and, where any such records are [F9] stored in any electronic form]

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- (a) may have access to, and inspect and check the operation of, any computer and any associated apparatus or material which is or has been in use in connection with the records; and
- (b) may require any person having charge of, or otherwise concerned with the operation of, the computer, apparatus or material to afford him such assistance as he may reasonably require.
- (7) Any officer exercising any power conferred by paragraph (6) may—
 - (a) seize and detain any records which he has reason to believe may be required as evidence in proceedings under any of the provisions of this Order or of regulations or orders made under it; and
 - (b) where the records are [F9] stored in any electronic form], may require the records to be produced in a form in which they may be taken away.
- (8) If any person who enters any premises by virtue of this Article, or of a warrant issued under it, discloses to any person any information obtained by him in the premises with regard to any trade secret, he shall, unless the disclosure was made in the performance of his duty, be guilty of an offence.
- (9) Nothing in this Order authorises any person, except with the permission of the Department of Agriculture under the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981^{F10}, to enter any premises—
 - (a) in which there is kept an animal or bird affected or, with good reason, suspected of being affected with any disease to which that Order of 1981 applies; and
 - (b) which is situated in a place declared under that Order of 1981 to be infected with such a disease.

F8 1999 c. 28 **F9** 2001 c. 16 **F10** 1981 NI 22

- C60 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (18.10.2006) by Curd Cheese (Restrictions on Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/415), reg. 4(c);
 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (9.11.2006) by Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/443), reg. 5(c)
- C61 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (3.8.2007) by Food (Suspension of the Use of E 128 Red 2G as Food Colour) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/352), reg. 5(c)
- C62 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (12.3.2008) by Rice Products from the United States of America (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/99), reg. 5(c)
- C63 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (14.4.2008) by Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/98), reg. 20
- C64 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (15.4.2008) by Specified Products from China (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/171), reg. 6(c)
- C65 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (22.12.2008) by Eggs and Chicks (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/451), reg. 20
- C66 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Enzymes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/415), reg. 5(2)
- C67 Art. 33 applied (20.1.2010) by Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/416), reg. 16(2)
- C68 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food (Jelly Mini-Cups) (Emergency Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/417), reg. 5(1)(e)

- C69 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (20.10.2010) by Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/321), reg. 20(2) (with reg. 3)
- C70 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (1.7.2011) by Plastic Kitchenware (Conditions on Imports from China) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/236), reg. 11(2)
- C71 Art. 33 applied with modifications (20.11.2012) by The Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (S.R. 2012/384), regs. 1, 26(2) (with reg. 3)
- C72 Art. 33 applied with modifications (7.10.2013) by The Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/219), regs. 1, 9, **Sch. Pt 1 para. 1**
- C73 Art. 33 applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/220), regs. 1, 19, **Sch. 5**
- C74 Art. 33 applied (with modifications) (11.9.2015) by The Country of Origin of Certain Meats Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/321), regs. 1, 6(2), Sch. Pt. 2 para. 1(a)(b)
- C75 Art. 33 applied with modification(s) (31.3.2016) by The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/54), regs. 1, 32(6)
- C76 Art. 33(1) modified (30.6.2006) by Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/251), reg. 21(2)
- C77 Art. 33(1) applied (with modifications) (5.11.2007) by Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/434), regs. 1(2), **20(2)**
- C78 Art. 33(1) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2011) by Flavourings in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/414), reg. 5(2)
- C79 Art. 33(1) applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/223), regs. 1(2), 12, Sch. 4 para. 1
- C80 Art. 33(1) applied (with modifications) (28.11.2015) by The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/365), regs. 1, 34(1), Sch. 12

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- C81 Art. 33(1) applied (with modifications) (20.7.2016) by The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/251), regs. 1, 5(2), Sch.
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- C82 Art. 33(2)-(9) applied (20.7.2016) by The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/251), regs. 1, 5(2)

Obstruction, etc., of officers

- **34.**—^{F11}(1) Any person who—
 - (a) intentionally obstructs any person acting in the execution of this Order; or
 - (b) without reasonable cause, fails to give to any person acting in the execution of this Order any assistance or information which that person may reasonably require of him for the performance of his functions under this Order,

shall be guilty of an offence.

- F11(2) Any person who, in purported compliance with any such requirement as is mentioned in paragraph (1)(b)—
 - (a) furnishes information which he knows to be false or misleading in a material particular; or
- (b) recklessly furnishes information which is false or misleading in a material particular, shall be guilty of an offence.
- (3) Nothing in paragraph (1)(b) shall be construed as requiring any person to answer any question or give any information if to do so might incriminate him.

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- C83 Art. 34 applied (with modifications) (20.5.2006) by Ceramic Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/217), reg. 7(c)
- C84 Art. 34 applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/65), reg. 10(f)
- C85 Art. 34 applied (with modifications) (1.7.2008) by Drinking Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/237), reg. 7(g)
- **C86** Art. 34 applied (with modifications) (1.7.2008) by Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards) and the Milk and Milk Products (Protection of Designations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/239), regs. 3, **7(h)**
- C87 Art. 34 applied (7.10.2013) by The Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/219), regs. 1, 9, Sch. Pt 1 para. 1
- **C88** Art. 34 applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/220), regs. 1, 19, **Sch. 5**
- C89 Art. 34 applied with modifications (20.11.2013) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/253), regs. 1(1), 19, Sch.
- C90 Art. 34 applied with modifications (20.11.2013) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/253), regs. 1(1), 19, Sch. 14
- C91 Art. 34 applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Products Containing Meat etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/285), regs. 1, 9, Sch. 2
- C92 Art. 34 applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/223), regs. 1(2), 12, Sch. 4 Pt. 4
- C93 Art. 34 applied (with modifications) (24.6.2015) by The Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/261), reg. 1, Sch. 2
- C94 Art. 34 applied (with modifications) (11.9.2015) by The Country of Origin of Certain Meats Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/321), regs. 1, 6(4), Sch. Pt. 4
- C95 Art. 34 applied (with modifications) (28.11.2015) by The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/365), regs. 1, 34(3), Sch. 12 Pt. 4 Table
- C96 Art. 34 applied (31.3.2016) by The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/54), regs. 1, 32(1)(f)
- C97 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2006) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/256), reg. 5(1)(e);

 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (18.10.2006) by Curd Chasse (Restriction on Pleating on the
 - Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (18.10.2006) by Curd Cheese (Restriction on Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/415), **reg. 4(d)**;
 - Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (9.11.2006) by Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/443), reg. 5(d)
- C98 mod. by SR 2004/487
- C99 Art. 34(1) applied (1.3.2007) by Notification of Marketing of Food for Particular Nutritional Uses Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/60), reg. 7(g)
- C100 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/66), reg. 5(1)(e)
- C101 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/110), reg. 10(f)
- C102 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (3.8.2007) by Food (Suspension of the Use of E 128 Red 2G as Food Colour) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/352), reg. 5(d)
- C103 Art. 34(1) applied (31.10.2007) by Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/420), reg. 22(1)(g) (with reg. 3)
- C104 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (11.1.2008) by Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/506), reg. 29(e)

- C105 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (12.3.2008) by Rice Products from the United States of America (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/99), reg. 5(d)
- C106 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (15.4.2008) by Specified Products from China (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/171), reg. 6(d)
- C107 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2009) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/220), reg. 5(1)(e)
- C108 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (31.7.2009) by Food Irradiation Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/258), reg. 11(1)(g)
- C109 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/398), reg. 4(e)
- C110 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Enzymes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/415), reg. 5(3)(b)
- C111 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/416), reg. 16(3)(b)
- C112 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food (Jelly Mini-Cups) (Emergency Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/417), reg. 5(1)(f)
- C113 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/54), reg. 10(e)
- C114 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (20.10.2010) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/335), reg. 5(1)(e)
- C115 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2011) by Flavourings in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/414), reg. 5(3)(b)
- C116 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2011) by Plastic Kitchenware (Conditions on Imports from China) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/236), reg. 11(3)(a)
- C117 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2012) by The Foodstuffs Suitable for People Intolerant to Gluten Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/338), regs. 1, 5(e)
- C118 Art. 34(1) applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/229), regs. 1, 8(1)(e)
- C119 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (20.7.2016) by The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/251), reg. 1, Sch. 2 Pt. 2
- C120 Art. 34(1) applied (with modifications) (22.12.2016) by The Caseins and Caseinates Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/415), reg. 1, Sch. 5 Pt. 2
- C121 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2006) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/256), reg. 5(1)(f);
 - Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (18.10.2006) by Curd Cheese (Restriction on Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/415), reg. 4(e);
 - Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (9.11.2006) by Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/443), reg. 5(e)
- C122 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Notification of Marketing of Food for Particular Nutritional Uses Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/60), reg. 7(h)
- C123 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/65), reg. 10(g)
- C124 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/66), reg. 5(1)(f)
- C125 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/110), reg. 10(g)
- C126 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (3.8.2007) by Food (Suspension of the Use of E 128 Red 2G as Food Colour) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/352), reg. 5(e)

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- C127 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (31.10.2007) by Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/420), reg. 22(1)(h) (with reg. 3)
- C128 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (11.1.2008) by Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/506), reg. 29(f)
- C129 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (12.3.2008) by Rice Products from the United States of America (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/99), reg. 5(e)
- C130 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (15.4.2008) by Specified Products from China (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/171), reg. 6(e)
- C131 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2009) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/220), reg. 5(1)(f)
- C132 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/398), reg. 4(f)
- C133 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Enzymes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/415), reg. 5(3)(c)
- C134 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/416), reg. 16(3)(c)
- C135 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food (Jelly Mini-Cups) (Emergency Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/417), reg. 5(1)(g)
- C136 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/54), reg. 10(f)
- C137 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (20.10.2010) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/335), reg. 5(1)(f)
- C138 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2011) by Flavourings in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/414), reg. 5(3)(c)
- C139 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2011) by Plastic Kitchenware (Conditions on Imports from China) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/236), reg. 11(3)(b)
- C140 Art. 34(2) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2012) by The Foodstuffs Suitable for People Intolerant to Gluten Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/338), regs. 1, 5(f)
- C141 Art. 34(2) applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/229), regs. 1, 8(1)(f)

Offences

Time limit for prosecutions

- **35.** A prosecution for an offence under this Order which is punishable under Article 36(2) shall not be begun after the expiry of—
 - (a) 3 years from the commission of the offence; or
 - (b) one year from its discovery by the prosecution,

whichever is the earlier.

- C142 Art. 35 applied (with modifications) (20.5.2006) by Ceramic Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/217), reg. 7(d)
- C143 Art. 35 applied (with modifications) (7.8.2007) by Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Other Substances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/301), reg. 5(g)

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- C144 Art. 35 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2007) by Nutrition and Health Claims Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/349), reg. 6(g)
- C145 Art. 35 applied (31.7.2009) by Food Irradiation Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/258), reg. 11(3)
- C146 Art. 35 applied (20.1.2010) by Food Enzymes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/415), reg. 5(4)
- C147 Art. 35 applied (20.1.2010) by Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/416), reg. 16(4)
- **C148** Art. 35 applied (20.1.2011) by Flavourings in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/414), reg. 5(4)
- C149 Art. 35 applied (1.7.2011) by Plastic Kitchenware (Conditions on Imports from China) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/236), reg. 11(4)
- C150 Art. 35 applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/220), regs. 1, 19, Sch. 5

Punishment of offences

- **36.**—F12(1) A person guilty of an offence under Article 34(1) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.
 - F12(2) A person guilty of any other offence under this Order shall be liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the relevant amount or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.
 - F12(3) In paragraph (2) "the relevant amount" means—
 - (a) in the case of an offence under [F13 Article 6 or 13], £20,000;
 - (b) in any other case, the statutory maximum.
 - **F12** mod. by SR 2005/284
 - F13 SR 2004/505

- C151 Art. 36 applied (with modifications) (1.7.2008) by Drinking Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/237), reg. 7(h)
- C152 Art. 36 applied (with modifications) (1.7.2008) by Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards) and the Milk and Milk Products (Protection of Designations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/239), regs. 3, 7(i)
- C153 Art. 36 applied (31.3.2016) by The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/54), regs. 1, 32(1)(g)
- C154 Art. 36(1)-(3) applied (with modifications) (20.5.2006) by Ceramic Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/217), reg. 7(e)
- C155 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (9.11.2006) by Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/443), reg. 5(f)
- C156 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (18.10.2006) by Curd Cheese (Restriction on Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/415), reg. 4(f)
- C157 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2006) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/256), reg. 5(1)(g)
- C158 mod. by SR 2004/487

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- C159 Art. 36(1) applied (1.3.2007) by Notification of Marketing of Food for Particular Nutritional Uses Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/60), reg. 7(i)
- C160 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/65), reg. 10(h)
- C161 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/66), reg. 5(1)(g)
- C162 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/110), reg. 10(h)
- C163 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (3.8.2007) by Food (Suspension of the Use of E 128 Red 2G as Food Colour) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/352), reg. 5(f)
- C164 Art. 36(1) applied (31.10.2007) by Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/420), reg. 22(1)(i) (with reg. 3)
- C165 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (11.1.2008) by Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/506), reg. 29(g)
- C166 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (12.3.2008) by Rice Products from the United States of America (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/99), reg. 5(f)
- C167 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (15.4.2008) by Specified Products from China (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/171), reg. 6(f)
- C168 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2009) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/220), reg. 5(1)(g)
- C169 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (31.7.2009) by Food Irradiation Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/258), reg. 11(1)(h)
- C170 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/398), reg. 4(g)
- C171 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Enzymes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/415), reg. 5(1)(d)
- C172 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/416), reg. 16(1)(f)
- C173 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food (Jelly Mini-Cups) (Emergency Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/417), reg. 5(1)(h)
- C174 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/54), reg. 10(g)
- C175 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (20.10.2010) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/335), reg. 5(1)(g)
- C176 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2011) by Flavourings in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/414), reg. 5(1)(d)
- C177 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2011) by Plastic Kitchenware (Conditions on Imports from China) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/236), reg. 11(1)(d)
- C178 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2012) by The Foodstuffs Suitable for People Intolerant to Gluten Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/338), regs. 1, 5(g)
- C179 Art. 36(1) applied with modifications (7.10.2013) by The Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/219), regs. 1, 9, Sch. Pt 1 para. 1
- C180 Art. 36(1)(2) applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/220), regs. 1, 19, Sch. 5
- C181 Art. 36(1) applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/229), regs. 1, 8(1)(g)
- C182 Art. 36(1) applied with modifications (20.11.2013) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/253), regs. 1(1), 19, Sch.
- C183 Art. 36(1) applied with modifications (20.11.2013) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/253), regs. 1(1), 19, Sch. 14

- C184 Art. 36(1)(2) applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/223), regs. 1(2), 12, Sch. 4 Pt. 4
- C185 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Products Containing Meat etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/285), regs. 1, 9, Sch. 2
- **C186** Art. 36(1)(2) applied (with modifications) (24.6.2015) by The Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/261), reg. 1, **Sch. 2**
- C187 Art. 36(1)(2) applied (with modifications) (11.9.2015) by The Country of Origin of Certain Meats Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/321), regs. 1, 6(4), Sch. Pt. 4
- C188 Art. 36(1)(2) applied (with modifications) (28.11.2015) by The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/365), regs. 1, 34(3), Sch. 12 Pt. 4 Table
- C189 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (20.7.2016) by The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/251), reg. 1, Sch. 2 Pt. 2
- C190 Art. 36(1) applied (with modifications) (22.12.2016) by The Caseins and Caseinates Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/415), reg. 1, Sch. 5 Pt. 2
- C191 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (9.11.2006) by Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/443), reg. 5(6)
- C192 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (18.10.2006) by Curd Cheese (Restriction on Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/415), reg. 4(g)
- C193 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2006) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/256), reg. 5(1)(h)
- C194 Art. 36(2) applied (1.3.2007) by Notification of Marketing of Food for Particular Nutritional Uses Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/60), reg. 7(j)
- C195 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/65), reg. 10(i)
- C196 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/66), reg. 5(1)(h)
- C197 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/110), reg. 10(i)
- C198 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (3.8.2007) by Food (Suspension of the Use of E 128 Red 2G as Food Colour) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/352), reg. 5(g)
- C199 Art. 36(2) applied (31.10.2007) by Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/420), reg. 22(1)(j) (with reg. 3)
- C200 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (11.1.2008) by Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/506), reg. 29(h)
- C201 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (12.3.2008) by Rice Products from the United States of America (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/99), reg. 5(g)
- C202 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (15.4.2008) by Specified Products from China (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/171), reg. 6(g)
- C203 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2009) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/220), reg. 5(1)(h)
- C204 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/398), reg. 4(h)
- C205 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Additives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/416), reg. 16(1)(g)
- C206 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food (Jelly Mini-Cups) (Emergency Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/417), reg. 5(1)(i)
- C207 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2010) by Food Enzymes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 2009/415), reg. 5(1)(e)

- C208 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/54), reg. 10(h)
- C209 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (20.10.2010) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/335), reg. 5(1)(h)
- C210 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2011) by Flavourings in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/414), reg. 5(1)(e)
- C211 Art. 36(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2011) by Plastic Kitchenware (Conditions on Imports from China) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/236), reg. 11(1)(e)
- C212 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2012) by The Foodstuffs Suitable for People Intolerant to Gluten Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/338), regs. 1, 5(h)
- C213 Art. 36(2) applied with modifications (7.10.2013) by The Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/219), regs. 1, 9, Sch. Pt 1 para. 1
- C214 Art. 36(2)(3) applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/229), regs. 1, 8(1)(h)
- C215 Art. 36(2) applied with modifications (20.11.2013) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/253), regs. 1(1), 19, Sch. 14
- C216 Art. 36(2) applied with modifications (20.11.2013) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/253), regs. 1(1), 19, Sch.
- C217 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Products Containing Meat etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/285), regs. 1, 9, Sch. 2
- C218 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (20.7.2016) by The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/251), reg. 1, Sch. 2 Pt. 2
- C219 Art. 36(2) applied (with modifications) (22.12.2016) by The Caseins and Caseinates Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/415), reg. 1, Sch. 5 Pt. 2
- C220 Art. 36(2)(b) applied (with modifications) (20.7.2016) by The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/251), reg. 1, Sch. 2 Pt. 2
- C221 Art. 36(3) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/65), reg. 10(i)
- C222 Art. 36(3) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/66), reg. 5(1)(h)
- C223 Art. 36(3) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2007) by Quick-frozen Foodstuffs (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/110), reg. 10(i)
- C224 Art. 36(3) applied (with modifications) (3.8.2007) by Food (Suspension of the Use of E 128 Red 2G as Food Colour) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/352), reg. 5(g)
- C225 Art. 36(3) applied (31.10.2007) by Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/420), reg. 22(1)(j) (with reg. 3)
- C226 Art. 36(3) applied (with modifications) (11.1.2008) by Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/506), reg. 29(h)
- C227 Art. 36(3) applied (1.3.2007) by Notification of Marketing of Food for Particular Nutritional Uses Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/60), reg. 7(j)
- C228 Art. 36(3) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/54), reg. 10(h)
- C229 Art. 36(3) applied (with modifications) (20.10.2010) by Contaminants in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/335), reg. 5(1)(h)
- C230 Art. 36(3) applied (with modifications) (20.1.2011) by Flavourings in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/414), reg. 5(1)(e)
- C231 Art. 36(3) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2012) by The Foodstuffs Suitable for People Intolerant to Gluten Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 2010/338), regs. 1, 5(h)

Appeals

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- **37.**—(1) Any person who is aggrieved by—
 - (a) a decision of an authorised officer to serve an improvement notice;
 - (b) a decision of a district council or, as the case may be, [F14] the Food Standards Agency or] the Department of Agriculture to refuse to issue such a certificate as is mentioned in Article 10(6) or 11(8); or
 - (c) subject to paragraph (2), a decision of a district council or, as the case may be, [F14 the Food Standards Agency or] the Department of Agriculture to refuse, cancel, suspend or revoke a licence required by regulations under Part II,

may appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction.

- (2) The procedure on an appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction under paragraph (1), or an appeal to such a court for which provision is made by regulations under Part II, shall be by way of notice under Part VII of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981^{F15}.
- [F16(2A)] The period within which such an appeal as is mentioned in paragraph (2) may be brought shall be—
 - (a) one month from the date on which notice of the decision was served on the person desiring to appeal; or
 - (b) in the case of an appeal under paragraph (1)(a), that period or the period specified in the improvement notice, whichever ends the earlier.]
- (3) In any case where such an appeal as is mentioned in paragraph (2) lies, the document notifying the decision to the person concerned shall state—
 - (a) the right of appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction; and
 - (b) the period within which such an appeal may be brought.

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- C232 Art. 37 applied with modifications (7.10.2013) by The Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/219), regs. 1, 5
- C233 Art. 37 applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/220), regs. 1, reg. 8(1)-(3)
- C234 Art. 37 applied with modifications (20.11.2013) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/253), regs. 1(1), reg. 18(1)-(3)
- C235 Art. 37 applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Products Containing Meat etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/285), regs. 1, 8(1)
- C236 Art. 37 applied (with modifications) (24.6.2015) by The Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/261), reg. 1, Sch. 2
- C237 Art. 37 applied (with modifications) (11.9.2015) by The Country of Origin of Certain Meats Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/321), regs. 1, 6(3), Sch. Pt. 3 paras. 1, 2
- C238 Art. 37 applied (with modifications) (28.11.2015) by The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/365), regs. 1, 34(2), Sch. 12 Pt. 3

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- C239 Art. 37 applied (with modifications) (20.7.2016) by The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/251), regs. 1, 5(3), Sch. 2
- C240 Art. 37(1) applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/223), regs. 1(2), 12, Sch. 4 para. 1
- C241 Art. 37(1) applied (with modifications) (22.12.2016) by The Caseins and Caseinates Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/415), reg. 1, Sch. 5 Pt. 2
- C242 Art. 37(2)(2A)(3) applied (1.1.2007) by Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006/485), reg. 8(2)
- C243 Art. 37(2) applied (1.1.2008) by Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/497), reg. 8(2)
- C244 Art. 37(2A) applied (1.1.2008) by Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/497), reg. 8(2)
- C245 Art. 37(2A)(b) applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/223), regs. 1(2), 12, Sch. 4 para. 2
- C246 Art. 37(3) applied (1.1.2008) by Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (S.R. 2007/497), reg. 8(2)

Appeals against improvement notices

- **38.**—(1) On an appeal against an improvement notice, the court may either cancel or affirm the notice and, if it affirms it, may do so either in its original form or with such modifications as the court may in the circumstances think fit.
- (2) Where, apart from this paragraph, any period specified in an improvement notice would include any day on which an appeal against that notice is pending, that day shall be excluded from that period.
- (3) An appeal shall be regarded as pending for the purposes of paragraph (2) until it is determined or abandoned.

- C247 Art. 38 applied with modifications (7.10.2013) by The Fish Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/219), regs. 1, 5(4)
- **C248** Art. 38 applied with modifications (31.10.2013) by The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/220), regs. 1, **8(4)**
- C249 Art. 38 applied with modifications (20.11.2013) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/253), regs. 1(1), 18(4)
- C250 Art. 38 applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Products Containing Meat etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/285), regs. 1, 8(4)
- C251 Art. 38 applied (with modifications) (24.6.2015) by The Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/261), reg. 1, Sch. 2
- C252 Art. 38 applied (with modifications) (11.9.2015) by The Country of Origin of Certain Meats Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/321), regs. 1, 6(3), Sch. Pt. 3 para. 3
- C253 Art. 38 applied (with modifications) (28.11.2015) by The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015/365), regs. 1, 34(2), Sch. 12 Pt. 3
- C254 Art. 38 applied (with modifications) (20.7.2016) by The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/251), regs. 1, 5(3), Sch. 2
- C255 Art. 38(1) applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/223), regs. 1(2), 12, Sch. 4 para. 3
- C256 Art. 38(1) applied (with modifications) (22.12.2016) by The Caseins and Caseinates Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/415), reg. 1, Sch. 5 Pt. 2

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- C257 Art. 38(2) applied (with modifications) (13.12.2014) by The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/223), regs. 1(2), 12, Sch. 4 para. 3
- C258 Art. 38(2) applied (with modifications) (22.12.2016) by The Caseins and Caseinates Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/415), reg. 1, Sch. 5 Pt. 2

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