

## 1990 No. 194

## FOOD

## EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

**Preserved Sardines (Marketing Standards) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1990**

*Made* . . . . . 23rd May 1990

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 25th June 1990

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, being a designated Department(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Economic Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 73 of the Food (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(c) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with Article 72(2) of the said Order with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Preserved Sardines (Marketing Standards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 25th June 1990.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the Council Regulation” means Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2136/89(d) laying down common marketing standards for preserved sardines;

“specified Community provision” means a provision of the Council Regulation specified in column 1 of the Schedule and described in column 2 thereof.

(2) Other expressions used in these Regulations have, insofar as the context permits, the same meanings as in the Council Regulation.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(e) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

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(a) Designated by S.I. 1972/1811

(b) 1972 c. 68

(c) S.I. 1989/846 (N.I. 6)

(d) O.J. No. L212, 22.7.89, p. 79

(e) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

*Powers of authorised officers*

3. An authorised officer, having reasonable cause to suspect that an offence under Regulation 4 has been committed, and on producing, if so required, some duly authenticated document showing his authority, may require any person carrying on a trade or business or employed in connection with a trade or business, to produce any books or documents relating to the trade or business, and he may take copies of any such book or document, or of any entry in any such book or document.

*Offences and penalties*

4. Any person who contravenes any specified Community provision shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £2,000.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 23rd May 1990.

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*J. Scott*

Assistant Secretary

**Specified Community Provisions**

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<i>Column 1</i> <i>Provision of Council</i> <i>Regulation</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Subject Matter</i>
1. Article 2	Requirements relating to the marketing of products as preserved sardines and under the trade description referred to in Article 7
2. Article 3	General requirements as to presentation
3. Article 4	Particular requirements as to presentation in relation to prescribed descriptions of market presentation
4. Article 5	Requirements as to covering media
5. Article 6(1)	Minimum requirements to be satisfied by the contents of the container after sterilisation
6. Article 6(2)	Requirements as to the presentation of the container
7. Article 7	Requirements as to the trade description on the pre-packaging of preserved sardines

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations make provision for the execution and enforcement of directly applicable Community provisions relating to the marketing of preserved sardines in the Community set out in Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2136/89 (O.J. No. L212, 22.7.89, p. 79).

The Regulations—

- (a) add a power to require the production of books and documents, and to take copies of books and documents, to the powers available to authorised officers of the enforcement authorities under Part III of the Food (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (“the Order”) (regulation 3);
- (b) prescribe offences and penalties (regulation 4).

Article 50 of the Order contains offences of obstructing any person acting in the execution of regulations made under the Order. The enforcement provisions of Part III of the Order apply to these Regulations.