

1990 No. 250

FOOD

Food Hygiene

Ungraded Eggs (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made 2nd July 1990

Coming into operation 13th August 1990

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15 and 72 of the Food (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with Article 72(2) of that 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 Ungraded Eggs (Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 13th August 1990.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the Council Regulation” means Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2772/75(b), as amended, on marketing standards for eggs;

“sell” includes offer or agree to sell or expose for sale;

“sell by retail” means sell to a person buying otherwise than for the purpose of re-sale, but does not include selling to a caterer for the purposes of his catering business or to a manufacturer for the purposes of his manufacturing business.

Scope

3. These Regulations apply to the sale of eggs by retail for human consumption by their producer on his own farm, in a local public market or by door to door selling, which eggs are not packed in accordance with Articles 16 to 19 of the Council Regulation and in respect of which no use is made of any of the quality or weight gradings laid down by that Regulation.

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

(b) O.J. No. L282, 1.11.75, p. 56, the relevant amending instruments are Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1831/84 (O.J. No. L172, 30.6.84, p. 2), Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3341/84 (O.J. No. L312, 30.11.84, p. 7), Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3791/85 (O.J. No. L367, 31.12.85, p. 6) and Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3494/86 (O.J. No. L323, 18.11.86, p. 1)

Cracked eggs

4. A person shall not sell by retail, in circumstances where these Regulations apply to that sale, any egg which contains a crack visible without candling to the naked eye.

Offences and penalties

5. If any person contravenes regulation 4 he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £2,000; and
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 2nd July 1990.

(L.S.)

J. Scott

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which come into operation on 13th August 1990, prohibit the retail sale of cracked eggs by producers on their own farms, in a local public market or by door to door selling.