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**The Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

Made - - - - - *25th August 2005*

Coming into operation *5th September 2005*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety^(a), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 18(1)(b), 25(2)(d) and 47(2)(b) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991^(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, having had regard in accordance with Article 47(3A) of the said Order to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency, after consultation as required by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety^(c), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 5th September 2005.

Amendment to the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

2.—(1) The Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995^(d) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) Paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 1A (licensing of butchers' shops) shall be omitted.

Existing licences

3. Any licence issued under Schedule 1A to the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1995 before the date of coming into operation of these Regulations that is in operation on that date shall remain in operation regardless of the day on which it was issued.

(a) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; *see* S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)
(b) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7) as amended by S.I. 1996 /1633 (N.I. 12), paragraphs 26 to 42 of Schedule 5 and Schedule 6 to the Food Standards Act 1999 c. 28 and S.R. 2004 Nos. 482 and 505
(c) O.J. No. L31, 1.2.2002, p.1. That Regulation was last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 1642/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (O.J. No. L245, 29.9.2003, p. 4)
(d) S.R. 1995 No. 360; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2001 No. 85

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
on 25th August 2005.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. These Regulations further amend the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 (S.R. 1995 No. 360).

2. These Regulations revoke paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 1A to S.R. 1995 No. 360, which respectively provide that—

(a) a licence for a butcher's shop issued under that Schedule remains in operation for a year from the date of issue; and

(b) if a licence is granted to a person who has held a licence for not less than 8 months and both licences relate to the same premises, the further licence becomes operative for a period of a year beginning on the expiry of the existing licence (*regulation 2(2)*).

3. These Regulations also provide that any licence issued under Schedule 1A to S.R. 1995 No. 360 before the date of coming into operation of these Regulations that is in operation on that date shall remain in operation regardless of the day on which it was issued (*regulation 3*).