

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for the execution and enforcement in Northern Ireland of [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 597/2008](#) amending [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 372/2007](#) laying down transitional migration limits for plasticisers in gaskets in lids intended to come into contact with foods, (“the new Commission Regulation”). The new Commission Regulation extends the relevant deadline for such materials and articles to 30th April 2009.

These Regulations provide for the execution and enforcement of the new Commission Regulation by amending regulation 21(3) of the Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (“the principal Regulations”) (*regulation 5*), and omitting regulation 27(c) of those Regulations (*regulation 6*).

These Regulations also correct four errors in the principal Regulations (*regulations 3, 4, 5 and 7*), and make a consequential amendment (*regulation 8*).

These Regulations also make an amendment to the Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991, required due to the revocation of the Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 by the principal Regulations (*regulation 9*).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008.