
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for the execution and enforcement of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 284/2011 laying down specific conditions and detailed procedures for the import of polyamide and melamine plastic kitchenware originating in or consigned from the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China (OJ No. L77, 23.3.2011, p.25) ("the Commission Regulation").

These Regulations —

- (a) prohibit the placing on the market of polyamide and melamine plastic kitchenware from China and Hong Kong that does not comply with the conditions or has not undergone the import checks and certification specified in the Commission Regulation (*regulation 3*);
- (b) make it an offence to breach any prohibition set out in regulation 3 (*regulation 4*);
- (c) designate the competent authorities for the purposes of certain provisions of the Commission Regulation (*regulation 5*);
- (d) provide that it is the duty of the district council to execute and enforce the Commission Regulation and to inform the Food Standards Agency where laboratory analysis of imports of plastic kitchenware indicates non-compliance with that Regulation (*regulation 6*);
- (e) provide for the expenses incurred by district councils in carrying out the official controls required by the Commission Regulation should be recovered from importers (*regulation 7*);
- (f) specify the measures to be taken where a district council where a consignment is not accompanied by the required documentation or is otherwise found to be non-compliant (*regulation 8*);
- (g) provide for a right of appeal by an importer against the decision of an authorised officer of a district council to take measures under regulation 8 (*regulation 9*);
- (h) provide for the suspension of designated first points of introduction (*regulation 10*); and
- (i) apply with modifications specified provisions of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 for the purposes of these Regulations and the Commission Regulation (*regulation 11*).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Plastic Kitchenware (Conditions on Imports from China) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011.