
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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FOOD

**The Food Safety, Food Hygiene and Official
Controls (Sprouting Seeds and Miscellaneous
Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

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Coming into operation *31st December 2013*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety⁽¹⁾ makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972⁽²⁾.

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety has been designated for the purposes of that section in relation to measures relating to food (including drink) including the primary production of food⁽³⁾ and measures in the veterinary and phytosanitary fields for the protection of public health⁽⁴⁾.

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⁽⁵⁾ there has been open and transparent public consultation during the preparation of the following Regulations.

(1) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; see [S.I. 1999/283 \(N.I.1\)](#) Article 3(6)

(2) [1972 c.68](#).

(3) [S.I. 2003/2901](#)

(4) [S.I. 1999/2027](#)

(5) OJNo. L31, 1.2.2002, p.1, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 596/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty to Council Decision [1999/468/EC](#) with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny: Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny-Part Four (OJ No. L188, 18.7.2009, p.14)