

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 16

Compositional criteria

1. The honey consists essentially of different sugars, predominantly fructose and glucose as well as other substances such as organic acids, enzymes and solid particulars derived from honey collection.
2. The colour varies from nearly colourless to dark brown.
3. The consistency can be fluid, viscous or partly or entirely crystallised.
4. The flavour and aroma vary but are derived from the plant origin.
5. No food ingredient has been added, including any food additive.
6. No other additions have been made to the honey except for other honey.
7. It must, as far as possible, be free from organic or inorganic matters foreign to its composition.
8. It must not—
 - (a) have any foreign tastes or odours;
 - (b) have begun to ferment;
 - (c) have an artificially changed acidity;
 - (d) have been heated in such a way that the natural enzymes have been either destroyed or significantly inactivated.
9. Paragraph 8 does not apply to baker's honey.
10. No pollen or constituent particular to honey may be removed except where this is unavoidable in the removal of foreign inorganic or organic matter.
11. Paragraph 10 does not apply to filtered honey.
12. The additional compositional criteria set out in the following table apply—

Criteria	Amount
Sugar content	
1.—(1) Fructose and glucose content (sum of both)—	
(a) (a) blossom honey	not less than 60g/100g
(b) (b) honeydew honey and a blend of honeydew honey with blossom honey	not less than 45g/100g
(2) Sucrose content—	
(a) (a) all honey except for honey specified in paragraph (b) or (c)	not more than 5g/100g
(b) (b) false acacia (<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>) honey, alfalfa (<i>Medicago sativa</i>) honey, Menzies Banksia (<i>Banksia menziesii</i>) honey, French honeysuckle (<i>Hedysarum</i>) honey, red gum (<i>Eucalyptus camadulensis</i>) honey, leatherwood (<i>Eucryphia lucida</i> , <i>Eucryphia milliganii</i>) honey, <i>Citrus</i> spp. honey	not more than 10g/100g

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- (c) (c) lavender (*Lavandula* spp.) honey, borage (*Borago officinalis*) honey not more than 15g/100g

Moisture content

2. Moisture content—

- (a) (a) all honey except for honey specified in paragraph (b), (c) or (d) not more than 20%
- (b) (b) honey from heather (*Calluna*) not more than 23%
- (c) (c) baker's honey except for baker's honey from heather (*Calluna*) not more than 23%
- (d) (d) baker's honey from heather (*Calluna*) not more than 25%

Water-insoluble content

3. Water-insoluble content—

- (a) (a) all honey except pressed honey not more than 0.1g/100g
- (b) (b) pressed honey not more than 0.5g/100g

Electrical conductivity

4. Electrical conductivity—

- (a) (a) all honey except for bell heather (*Erica*) honey, chestnut honey, eucalyptus honey, honeydew honey, lime (*Tilia* spp.) honey, ling heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) honey, manuka or jelly bush (*Leptospermum*) honey, strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*) honey and tea tree (*Melaleuca* spp.) honey not more than 0.8mS/cm
- (b) (b) blends of honeys to which paragraph (a) applies not more than 0.8mS/cm
- (c) (c) honeydew honey not less than 0.8mS/cm
- (d) (d) blends of honeydew honey except blends of that honey with bell heather (*Erica*) honey, eucalyptus honey, lime (*Tilia* spp.) honey, ling heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) honey, manuka or jelly bush (*Leptospermum*) honey, strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*) honey and tea tree (*Melaleuca* spp.) honey not less than 0.8mS/cm
- (e) (e) chestnut honey not less than 0.8mS/cm
- (f) (f) blends of chestnut honey except blends of that honey with bell heather (*Erica*) honey, eucalyptus honey, lime (*Tilia* spp.) honey, ling heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) honey, manuka or jelly bush (*Leptospermum*) honey, strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*) honey and tea tree (*Melaleuca* spp.) honey not less than 0.8mS/cm

Free acid

5. Free acid—

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| (a) | (a) all honey except for baker's honey | not more than 50 milli-equivalents acid per 1,000 grams |
| (b) | (b) baker's honey | not more than 80 milli-equivalents acid per 1,000 grams |

Diastase activity and hydroxymethylfurfural content

6. Diastase activity and hydroxymethylfurfural content (HMF) determined after processing and blending—

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| (a) | (a) diastase activity (Schade scale) — | |
| (i) | (i) all honey except baker's honey and honey specified in sub-paragraph (ii) | not less than 8 |
| (ii) | (ii) honey with a low natural enzyme content (e.g. citrus honey) and an HMF content of not more than 15mg/kg | not less than 3 |
| (b) | (b) HMF— | |
| (i) | (i) all honey except baker's honey and honey specified in sub-paragraph (ii) | not more than 40mg/kg |
| (ii) | (ii) honey of a declared origin from a region with a tropical climate and blends of these honeys | not more than 80mg/kg |

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 19

Application and modification of provisions of the Order

Column 1 Provision of the Order	Column 2 Modifications
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Article 4 (presumptions that food intended for human consumption)	For “this Order” substitute “ the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”
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Article 9(1) and (improvement notices)	(2) For paragraph (1) (improvement notices) substitute—
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“(1) If an authorised officer has reasonable grounds for believing that a person is failing to comply with any of regulations 6 to 17 of the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the authorised officer may, by a notice served on that person (in this Order referred to as an “improvement notice”)—

- (a) state the officer's grounds for believing that the person is failing to comply with the relevant provision;
- (b) specify the matters which constitute the person's failure so to comply;
- (c) specify the measures which, in the officer's opinion, the person must take in order to secure compliance; and

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- (d) require the person to take those measures, or measures that are at least equivalent to them, within such period (not being less than 14 days) as may be specified in the notice.”

Article 19 (offences due to fault of another person)	For “any of the preceding provisions of this Part” substitute “ Article 9(2), as applied by regulation 19 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, ”
Article 20 (1) and (5) (defence of due diligence)	In paragraph (1), for “any of the preceding provisions of this Part” substitute “ Article 9(2), as applied by regulation 19 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”
Article 30(8) (evidence of certificates given by a food analyst or examiner)	For “this Order” substitute “ the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”
Article 34 (obstruction etc. of officers)	In paragraph (1), for “this Order” (in each place occurring) substitute “ the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 ”
Article 36(1) and (2) (punishment of offences)	In paragraph (1), after “Article 34(1) insert “ , as applied and modified by regulation 19 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, ” After paragraph (1), insert— “(1A) A person guilty of an offence under Article 9(2), as applied by regulation 19 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, shall be liable, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.” In paragraph (2) for “any other offence under this Order” substitute “ an offence under Article 34(2), as applied by regulation 19 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, ”
Article 37 (appeals)	For paragraph (1) substitute— “(1) Any person who is aggrieved by a decision of an authorised officer to serve an improvement notice under Article 9(1), as applied and modified by regulation 19 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, may appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction.” In paragraph (2A)(b) for “(1)(a)” substitute “(1) as applied by regulation 19 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.
Article 38 (appeals against improvement notices)	In paragraphs (1) and (2) insert “ as applied by regulation 19 and Schedule 2 to the Honey Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 ” after “improvement notice”.

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 21

Amendment of the Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

1. The Food Information Regulations 2014 are amended as follows.
2. In the table in Part 2 of Schedule 5 (FIC provisions in relation to which an improvement notice may be served on and from 13th December 2014)—
 - (a) in the third column of entry number 26 at the end insert “ and point 4(b) of Article 2 of Council Directive [2001/110/EC](#) relating to honey ”; and
 - (b) in the third column of entry number 27 at the end insert “ and point 4(b) of Article 2 of Council Directive [2001/110/EC](#) ”.

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