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WELFARE SERVICES**Welfare Foods**

REGULATIONS, DATED 9TH DECEMBER 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE WELFARE FOODS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 1(3) of the Welfare Foods Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Welfare Foods (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on 2nd January 1972.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations the expression “the principal regulations” means the Welfare Foods Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971(b).

Amendments of the principal regulations

3. The principal regulations shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In regulation 2(1) for the definition of “vitamin tablets” there shall be substituted “‘vitamin tablets’ means vitamin A, D and C tablets;”.

(2) For paragraph (1) of regulation 3 there shall be substituted—

“Meaning of a family in special circumstances

3.—(1) For the purposes of these regulations a beneficiary shall be deemed to belong to a family in special circumstances in respect of any period during which his requirements exceed his resources when calculated or estimated by the Ministry according to the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 7 to 11, 13 and 15 to 29 of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefits etc. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(e), subject to the following modifications—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 23 (which relates to the calculation of weekly earnings) for the expression “20s” there shall be substituted the expression “£2”; and

(b) his requirements shall be deemed to include also—

(i) the standard price of milk at the rate of one pint per day and the cost of other welfare food as set out in Schedule 2 plus the sum of £1;

(ii) such amounts in respect of mortgage payments as the Ministry may allow;

(a) 1968. c. 26 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 88.

- (iii) such amounts in respect of hire purchase transactions as the Ministry may allow;
- (iv) such further amounts as the Ministry may in special circumstances allow;

and in considering what, if any, amount to include under either subparagraph (b)(iii) or (iv) regard shall be had to the provisions made by paragraph 11 of Schedule 2 to the said Act for additional requirements and regard may be had to any resources which would otherwise fall to be disregarded under paragraphs 23 to 26 of that Schedule."

(3) In Schedule 2:—

- (i) in column (3) for the expression "2½p per packet" wherever it occurs there shall be substituted the expression "6p per container";
- (ii) in column (4) for the word "packets" wherever it occurs there shall be substituted the word "containers".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 9th day of December 1971.

(L.S.)

S. E. Taylor,
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby consents to these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 9th day of December 1971.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend the Welfare Foods Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971 by altering the composition of vitamin tablets which are available under the Welfare Foods Scheme and by specifying their price. In addition, the paragraph relating to the definition of a family in special circumstances has been redrafted and has the effect of providing for the disregard by the Ministry of Health and Social Services of any odd p of earnings exceeding a multiple of 5p when determining entitlement to free welfare milk and foods. This amendment brings the regulations into line with those in force in Great Britain, where a similar Welfare Foods Scheme operates.