



# Food Safety Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 16

### PART III

#### ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

##### *Sampling and analysis etc.*

#### **30 Analysis etc. of samples.**

- (1) An authorised officer of an enforcement authority who has procured a sample under section 29 above shall—
  - (a) if he considers that the sample should be analysed, submit it to be analysed either—
    - (i) by the public analyst for the area in which the sample was procured; or
    - (ii) by the public analyst for the area which consists of or includes the area of the authority;
  - (b) if he considers that the sample should be examined, submit it to be examined by a food examiner.
- (2) A person, other than such an officer, who has purchased any food, or any substance capable of being used in the preparation of food, may submit a sample of it—
  - (a) to be analysed by the public analyst for the area in which the purchase was made; or
  - (b) to be examined by a food examiner.
- (3) If, in any case where a sample is proposed to be submitted for analysis under this section, the office of public analyst for the area in question is vacant, the sample shall be submitted to the public analyst for some other area.
- (4) If, in any case where a sample is proposed to be or is submitted for analysis or examination under this section, the food analyst or examiner determines that he is for any reason unable to perform the analysis or examination, the sample shall be submitted or, as the case may be, sent by him to such other food analyst or examiner as he may determine.

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- (5) A food analyst or examiner shall analyse or examine as soon as practicable any sample submitted or sent to him under this section, but may, except where—
- (a) he is the public analyst for the area in question; and
  - (b) the sample is submitted to him for analysis by an authorised officer of an enforcement authority,
- demand in advance the payment of such reasonable fee as he may require.
- (6) A food analyst or examiner who has analysed or examined a sample shall give to the person by whom it was submitted a certificate specifying the result of the analysis or examination.
- (7) Any certificate given by a food analyst or examiner under subsection (6) above shall be signed by him, but the analysis or examination may be made by any person acting under his direction.
- (8) In any proceedings under this Act, the production by one of the parties—
- (a) of a document purporting to be a certificate given by a food analyst or examiner under subsection (6) above; or
  - (b) of a document supplied to him by the other party as being a copy of such a certificate,
- shall be sufficient evidence of the facts stated in it unless, in a case falling within paragraph (a) above, the other party requires that the food analyst or examiner shall be called as a witness.
- (9) In this section—
- “food analyst” means a public analyst or any other person who possesses the requisite qualifications to carry out analyses for the purposes of this Act;
- “food examiner” means any person who possesses the requisite qualifications to carry out examinations for the purposes of this Act;
- “the requisite qualifications” means such qualifications as may be prescribed by regulations made by [<sup>F1</sup>the Secretary of State], or such other qualifications as [<sup>F1</sup>the Secretary of State] may approve;
- “sample”, in relation to an authorised officer of an enforcement authority, includes any part of a sample retained by him in pursuance of regulations under section 31 below;
- and where two or more public analysts are appointed for any area, any reference in this section to the public analyst for that area shall be construed as a reference to either or any of them.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 30(9) substituted (1.4.2000) by 1999 c. 28, s. 40(1), **Sch. 5 para. 8** (with ss. 38, 40(2)); S.I. 2000/1066, **art. 2**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 30 extended (with modifications) (8.1.1992) by S.I. 1991/2843, **reg. 22(3)**
- C2** S. 30 applied (with modifications) (31.12.1992) by S.I. 1992/3236, **reg. 11(4)**
- S. 30 applied (with modifications) (11.8.1997) by S.I. 1997/1729, **reg. 34(5)**
- S. 30 applied (with modifications) (19.3.1999) by S.I. 1996/1499, **reg. 48** (as substituted by S.I. 1999/747, **reg. 11**)

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- S. 30 applied (with modifications): (E.) (4.4.2002) by S.I. 2002/931, **reg. 5(1)(c)**; (S.) (4.4.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/179, **reg. 6(1)(d)**; (W.) (16.4.2002) by S.I. 2002/1090, **reg. 5(1)(c)**; (S.) (24.6.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/300, **reg. 5(1)(b)**
- C3** S. 30 modified (1.1.1993) by S.I. 1992/3145, **reg. 11(3)** (which S.I. was revoked (1.7.1998) by S.I. 1998/1376, **reg. 14**)  
S. 30 modified (1.7.1998) by S.I. 1998/1376, **reg. 12(3)**
- C4** S. 30 applied (3.10.1994) by S.I. 1994/2328, **reg. 11(c)**
- C5** S. 30 applied (with modifications) (30.7.2003) by Food (Hot Chilli and Hot Chilli Products) (Emergency Control) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/1940), regs. 1(1), **5(3)**
- C6** S. 30 applied (with modifications) (9.8.2003) by Food (Hot Chilli and Hot Chilli Products) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/382), regs. 1(1), **6(3)**
- C7** S. 30 applied (with modifications) (25.9.2003) by Food (Hot Chilli And Hot Chilli Products) (Emergency Control) (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2455), regs. 1(1), **5(3)**
- C8** S. 30 amendment to earlier affecting provision SSI 2003/382 reg. 6(3) (as substituted (9.10.2003) by Food (Hot Chilli and Hot Chilli Products) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/493), regs. 1(1), **2(5)(b)**)
- C9** S. 30 applied (with modifications) (14.2.2004) by Food (Chilli and Chilli Products) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/56), regs. 1(1), **6(3)**
- C10** S. 30 applied (with modifications) (16.4.2004) by Food (Jelly Mimi-Cups) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/187), regs. 1(1), **6(d)**
- C11** S. 30(8) applied by S.I. 1991/370, **reg. 3 (1)**  
S. 30(8) applied: (9.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/496, **reg. 7(1)(e)**; (29.5.1992) by S.I. 1992/1122, **reg. 4** (which S.I. was revoked (24.7.1992) by S.I. 1992/1601, **reg. 6**); (24.7.1992) by S.I. 1992/1601, **reg. 4**; (13.9.1992) by S.I. 1992/1971, **reg. 9(f)**; (14.9.1992) by S.I. 1992/1978, **reg. 7(f)**  
S. 30(8) applied: (14.7.1993) by S.I. 1993/1520, **reg. 2(2)(f)**; (29.7.1993) by S.I. 1993/1658, **reg. 7(e)**  
S. 30(8) applied: (10.7.1995) by S.I. 1995/1544, **reg. 10**; (15.9.1995) by S.I. 1995/1763, **reg. 7(e)**  
S. 30(8) applied (1.1.1996) by: S.I. 1995/3116, **reg. 8**; S.I. 1995/3123, **reg. 9(f)**; S.I. 1995/3124, **reg. 11(f)**; S.I. 1995/3240, **reg. 10(e)** (which S.I. was revoked (1.7.1996) by S.I. 1996/1499, reg. 49, **Sch. 9**)  
S. 30(8) applied (31.3.1999) by S.I. 1997/2042, **reg. 9** and S.I. 1997/2182, **reg. 9**  
S. 30(8) applied (W.) (1.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/1360, **reg. 7(1)(d)**
- C12** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (5.11.1991) by S.I. 1991/2486, **reg. 7(1)**  
S. 30(8) applied (with modifications): (1.1.1993 for certain purposes and 15.1.1993 otherwise) by S.I. 1992/3163, **regs. 1, 18(1)** (which S.I. was revoked (29.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/994, reg. 59(1), **Sch. 5**); (1.1.1993 for certain purposes and 15.1.1993 otherwise) by S.I. 1992/3164, **regs. 1, 19(1)** (which S.I. was revoked (29.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/994, reg. 59(1), **Sch. 5**); (18.12.1992 for certain purposes and 1.1.1993 otherwise) by S.I. 1992/3165, **regs. 1, 7(2)** (which S.I. was revoked (29.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/994, reg. 59(1), **Sch. 5**); (31.12.1992) by S.I. 1992/3236, **reg. 11(1)**  
S. 30(8) applied (with modifications): (1.4.1994) by S.I. 1994/743, **reg. 8(1)(e)**; (2.9.1994) by S.I. 1994/2127, **reg. 5**  
S. 30(8) applied (with modifications): (1.3.1995) by S.I. 1995/77, **reg. 23**; (9.5.1995) by S.I. 1995/1086, **reg. 20(1)(e)**; (15.6.1995) by S.I. 1995/1372, **reg. 20(1)(e)**; (15.9.1995) by S.I. 1995/2200, **reg. 18**; (1.1.1996) by S.I. 1995/3187, **reg. 9**; (1.1.1996) by S.I. 1995/3202, **reg. 11**  
S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.7.1996) by S.I. 1996/1499, **reg. 48**  
S. 30(8) applied (with modifications): (16.6.1997) S.I. 1997/1335, **reg. 6(e)**; (30.6.1997) by S.I. 1995/1544, **reg. 10(1)** (as substituted (30.6.1997) by S.I. 1997/1414, **reg. 3**); (4.7.1997) by S.I. 1997/1499, **reg. 6(1)** (which S.I. was revoked (18.6.2002 (E.), 1.7.2002 (S.), 2.8.2002 (W.)) by S.I. 2002/890, reg. 11, **Sch.**; S.S.I. 2002/267, reg. 11, **Sch.**; S.I. 2002/1886, reg. 11, **Sch.**); (1.1.1998) by S.I. 1997/2965, **reg. 30**  
S. 30(8) applied (with modifications): (19.2.1998) by S.I. 1998/141, **reg. 10(f)**; (1.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/616, **reg. 6(1)(d)**; (29.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/994, **reg. 55(1)(d)**; (31.10.1998) by S.I. 1998/2424, **reg. 8(e)**  
S. 30(8) applied (with modifications): (30.6.1999) by S.I. 1999/1540, **reg. 19(1)(f)**; (1.10.1999) by S.I. 1999/2457, **reg. 8(1)**

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- S. 30(8) applied (with modifications): (E.) (10.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/768, **reg. 10(1)**; (E.) (1.11.2001) by S.I. 2000/845, **reg. 7(f)**; (S.) (10.4.2000) by S.S.I. 2000/83, **reg. 10(1)**; (W.) (1.11.2001) by S.I. 2000/1866, **reg. 7(f)**; (W.) (25.7.2000) by S.I. 2000/1925, **reg. 10(1)**; (E.) (15.1.2001) by S.I. 2000/3323, **reg. 10(f)**; (S.) (1.11.2001) by S.S.I. 2000/130, **reg. 7(f)**
- S. 30(8) applied (with modifications): (S.) (17.3.2001) by S.S.I. 2001/38, **reg. 10**; (W.) (1.5.2001) by S.I. 2001/1361, **reg. 8(1)**; (W.) (1.5.2001) by S.I. 2001/1440, **reg. 10(f)**
- S. 30(8) applied (with modifications): (E.W.) (8.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/333, **reg. 6(f)**; (S.) (8.3.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/50, **reg. 6(f)**; (E.) (19.4.2002) by S.I. 2002/843, **reg. 77(1)(b)**; (W.) (27.5.2002) by S.I. 2002/1416, **reg. 77(1)(b)**; (E.) (18.6.2002) by S.I. 2002/890, **reg. 7(1)(d)**; (S.) (19.6.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/255, **reg. 76(1)(b)**; (S.) (1.7.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/267, **reg. 7(1)(d)**; (W.) (2.8.2002) by S.I. 2002/1886, **reg. 7(1)(d)**; (E.) (5.8.2002 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.2004) by S.I. 2002/1817, regs. 1(2)(3), **9(f)**; (S.) (23.9.2002 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.2004) by S.S.I. 2002/397, regs. 1(2)(3), **8(f)**; (W.) (31.12.2002 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.2004) by S.I. 2002/2939, regs. 1(2)(3), **9(f)**; (S.) (1.1.2003) by S.S.I. 2002/523, **reg. 5(1)(f)**; (W.) (9.1.2003) by S.I. 2002/3157, **reg. 5(1)(f)**; (E.) (13.1.2003) by S.I. 2002/3169, **reg. 5(1)(f)**
- C13** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (S.) (28.3.2003) by The Fish Labelling (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/145), regs. 1(1), **10(d)**
- C14** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (E.) (28.3.2003) by Fish Labelling (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/461), regs. 1, **10(d)**
- C15** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (30.6.2003) by Contaminants in Food (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/1478), regs. 1, **7(1)(d)**
- C16** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (30.6.2003) by Fish Labelling (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/1635), regs. 1, **10**
- C17** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2003) by Contaminants in Food (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/289), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(d)**
- C18** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (12.7.2003) by Specified Sugar Products (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/1563), regs. 1, **9(f)**
- C19** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (12.7.2003) by Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/293), regs. 1(1), **10(f)**
- C20** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (12.7.2003) by Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/1564), regs. 1(b), **9(f)**
- C21** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (17.7.2003) by Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/1596), regs. 1, **9(1)(f)** (with reg. 11)
- C22** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (17.7.2003) by Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/311), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(f)** (with reg. 3)
- C23** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (31.7.2003) by The Contaminants in Food (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/1721), regs. 1, **7(1)(d)**
- C24** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (3.8.2003) by The Cocoa and Chocolate Products (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/291), regs. 1, **11(f)** (with reg. 4)
- C25** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (3.8.2003) by The Cocoa and Chocolate Products (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/1659), regs. 1, **10(f)**
- C26** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (2.9.2003) by Meat Products (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2075), regs. 1(c), **8(f)** (with reg. 3)
- C27** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (25.9.2003) by Honey (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2243), regs. 1, **9(f)**
- C28** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (28.11.2003) by Honey (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/3044), regs. 1, **9(f)**
- C29** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (28.11.2003) by Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/3053), regs. 1, **9(1)(f)** (with reg. 3)
- C30** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (28.11.2003) by Cocoa and Chocolate Products (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/3037), regs. 1, **10(f)**
- C31** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (28.11.2003) by Specified Sugar Products (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/527), regs. 1(1), **9** (with reg. 10)

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- C32 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (28.11.2003) by The Specified Sugar Products (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/3047), regs. 1, **9(f)**
- C33 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (28.11.2003) by The Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/3041), regs. 1, **9(f)**
- C34 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (18.12.2003) by Honey (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/569), regs. 1(1), **10(f)** (with regs. 3, 11)
- C35 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (31.12.2003) by Jam and Similar Products (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/3120), regs. 1, **9(f)** (with reg. 3)
- C36 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (4.2.2004) by Meat Products (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/6), regs. 1(1), **9(1)(f)**
- C37 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (5.3.2004) by Jam and Similar Products (Wales) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/553), regs. 1, **9(1)(f)** (with reg. 3)
- C38 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (28.4.2004) by Jam and Similar Products (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/133), regs. 1(1), **10(f)**
- C39 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (31.5.2004) by Meat Products (Wales) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1396), regs. 1(c), **8(f)** (with reg. 3)
- C40 S. 30(8) applied (4.10.2004) by Genetically Modified Food (England) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2335), regs. 1(b), **6(1)(e)**
- C41 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (15.11.2004) by Genetically Modified Food (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/432), regs. 1(1), **6(1)(f)**
- C42 S. 30(8) applied (17.12.2004) by Genetically Modified Food (Wales) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3220), regs. 1(b), **6(1)(e)**
- C43 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (20.12.2004) by Contaminants in Food (England) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3062), regs. 1, **7(1)(d)**
- C44 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (25.12.2004) by Contaminants in Food (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/525), regs. 1(1), **7(1)(d)**
- C45 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.1.2005) by General Food Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3279), regs. 1, **7(1)(d)**
- C46 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (12.1.2005) by Food with Added Phytosterols or Phytosterols (Labelling) (England) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3344), regs. 1, **10(1)(e)**
- C47 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.2.2005) by Food Labelling (Added Phytosterols or Phytosterols) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (S.S.I. 2005/1), regs. 1(1), **10(1)(e)**
- C48 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (1.3.2005) by The Contaminants in Food (Wales) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/364), regs. 1, **7(1)(d)**
- C49 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) by SI 1995/77 reg. 23 (as substituted (6.3.2005) by Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/3208), regs. 1, **9**)
- C50 S. 30(8) amendment to earlier affecting provision SI 1995/77 reg. 23 (6.3.2005) by The Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/313), regs. 1, **9**
- C51 S. 30(8) amendment to earlier affecting provision SI 1995/77 reg. 23 (6.3.2005) by Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/7), regs. 1(1), **9**
- C52 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (6.3.2005) by The Processed Cereal-based Foods and Baby Foods for Infants and Young Children (Wales) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/314), regs. 1, **12(f)** (with reg. 3)
- C53 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (6.3.2005) by Processed Cereal-based Foods and Baby Foods for Infants and Young Children (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/8), regs. 1(1), **12(f)**
- C54 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (6.3.2005) by The Processed Cereal-based Foods and Baby Foods for Infants and Young Children (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/3207), regs. 1, **12(f)** (with reg. 3)
- C55 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (26.3.2005) by Production of Bovine Collagen Intended for Human Consumption in the United Kingdom (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/404), regs. 1, **8(c)**
- C56 S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (29.4.2005) by Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/898), regs. 1, **14(1)(d)**

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- C57** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (30.4.2005) by [Food with Added Phytosterols or Phytostanols \(Labelling\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/1224\)](#), regs. 1, **10(1)(e)**
- C58** S. 30(8) applied (with modifications) (11.5.2005) by [Production of Bovine Collagen Intended for Human Consumption in the United Kingdom \(Scotland\) Regulations 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/218\)](#), regs. 1(1), **8(c)**
- C59** S. 30(9) transfer of functions (23.3.2005) by [Scotland Act 1998 \(Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/849\)](#), art. 1, **Sch.** (with art. 6)

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