
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 1478

The Contaminants in Food (England) Regulations 2003

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Food Safety Act 1990;

“the Commission Regulation” means Commission Regulation (EC) No. 466/2001 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs⁽¹⁾ as corrected by a corrigendum published on 30th November 2001⁽²⁾, and as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2375/2001⁽³⁾, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 221/2002⁽⁴⁾, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 257/2002⁽⁵⁾, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 472/2002⁽⁶⁾ as corrected by a corrigendum published on 23rd March 2002⁽⁷⁾ and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 563/2002⁽⁸⁾ as corrected by a corrigendum published on 14th June 2002⁽⁹⁾;

“Directive 85/591/EEC” means Council Directive 85/591/EEC concerning the introduction of Community methods of sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs intended for human consumption⁽¹⁰⁾;

“Directive 93/99/EEC” means Council Directive 93/99/EEC on the subject of additional measures concerning the official control of foodstuffs⁽¹¹⁾;

“Directive 98/53/EC” means Commission Directive 98/53/EC laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs⁽¹²⁾ as amended by Commission Directive 2002/27/EC⁽¹³⁾;

“Directive 2001/22/EC” means Commission Directive 2001/22/EC laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and 3-MCPD in foodstuffs⁽¹⁴⁾ as corrected by Commission Decision 2001/873/EC⁽¹⁵⁾;

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- (1) OJ No. L77, 16.3.2001, p.1, as adopted by EEA Joint Committee Decision No. 81/2002 (OJ No. L266, 3.10.2002, p.30 and EEA supplement No. 49, 3.10.2002).
- (2) OJ No. L313, 30.11.2001, p.60, as adopted by EEA Joint Committee Decision No. 81/2002.
- (3) OJ No L321, 6.12.2001, p.1, as adopted by EEA Joint Committee Decision No. 81/2002.
- (4) OJ No L37, 7.2.2002, p.4, as adopted by EEA Joint Committee Decision No. 139/2002 (OJ No. L 19, 23.1.2003, p.3 and EEA supplement No. 5, 23.1.2003).
- (5) OJ No. L41, 13.2.2002, p.12, as adopted by EEA Joint Committee Decision No. 100/2002 (OJ No. L298, 31.10.2002, p.13 and EEA supplement No 54, 31.10.2002, p.11).
- (6) OJ No. L75, 16.3.2002, p.18, as adopted by EEA Joint Committee Decision No. 161/2002 (OJ No. L38, 13.2.2003, p.16 and EEA supplement No. 9, 13.2.2003, p.13).
- (7) OJ No. L80, 23.3.2002, p.42.
- (8) OJ No. L86, 3.4.2002, p.5, as adopted by EEA Joint Committee Decision No. 161/2002.
- (9) OJ No. L155, 14.6.2002, p.63, as adopted by EEA Joint Committee Decision No. 161/2002.
- (10) OJ No. L372, 31.12.85, p.50.
- (11) OJ No. L290, 24.11.93, p.14.
- (12) OJ No. L201, 17.7.1998, p.93.
- (13) OJ No. L75, 16.3.2002, p.44.
- (14) OJ No. L77, 16.3.2001, p.14.
- (15) OJ No. L325, 8.12.2001, p.34.

“Directive 2002/26/EC” means Commission Directive 2002/26/EC laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels of Ochratoxin A in foodstuffs(16);

“Directive 2002/69/EC” means Commission Directive 2002/69/EC laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of dioxins and the determination of dioxin-like PCBs in foodstuffs(17) as corrected by a corrigendum published on 20th September 2002(18);

“the EEA Agreement” means the Agreement on the European Economic Area(19) signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992 as adjusted by the Protocol(20) signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993;

“EEA State” means a State which is Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement;

“food authority” includes neither the appropriate Treasurer referred to in section 5(1)(c) of the Act (which deals with the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple) nor a port health authority; and

“port health authority” means—

- (a) in relation to the London port health district (within the meaning given to that phrase for the purposes of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984(21) by section 7(1) of that Act), the Common Council of the City of London; and
- (b) in relation to any port health district constituted by order under section 2(3) of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984, a port health authority for that district constituted by order under section 2(4) of that Act.

(2) Other expressions used in these Regulations and in the Commission Regulation have the same meaning as in the Commission Regulation.

(16) OJ No. L75, 16.3.2002, p.38.
(17) OJ No L209, 6.8.2002, p.5.
(18) OJ No. L252, 20.9.2002, p.40.
(19) OJ No. L1, 3.1.94, p.3.
(20) OJ No. L1, 3.1.94, p.37.
(21) 1984 c. 22.