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# FOOD AND DRUGS

## Composition and Labelling

## Canned Meat Products

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD DECEMBER 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTIONS 4, 7 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 4, 7 and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a), having consulted with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** These regulations may be cited as the Canned Meat Product (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968 and shall come into operation on 31st May 1969.

*Amendment of the principal regulations*

**2.** The Canned Meat Product Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) by substituting for regulation 5(2) the following paragraph:—

"(2) The minimum meat content required by regulation 6 for any canned meat product (other than any canned sliced bacon, canned sausage, canned meat pie or canned sausage roll) shall include a lean meat content of not less than 60 per cent. of such minimum meat content.";

(*b*) by substituting for sub-paragraph (*a*) of the proviso to regulation 6(2) the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*a*) have a meat content of not less than 90 per cent. if—

(i) the meat in the product has been cured and the product has been cooked after canning and bears on a label on the container as a description, as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name, the expression "cured meat" or the name of any variety of meat which is commonly or usually recognised as the name of a cured meat; or

(ii) the meat in the product has been chopped or minced and the product has been cooked after canning and is such that it can be removed from the container as a single piece and can be sliced, and bears on a label on the container as a description, as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name, such one of the following expressions as may be appropriate, namely, "chopped meat" or "minced meat" or "chopped X" or "minced X", and the description has been completed, where appropriate, by inserting at "X" the common or usual name of the meat present;";

(a) 1958, c. 27. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 157.

(*c*) by deleting from regulation 6(8)(*c*)(i) the words "as or" which follow immediately after the words "if there appears upon such label,";

(*d*) by inserting in regulation 8 immediately after the word "deliver" the words "in a container" and by inserting in the said regulation immediately before the words "such canned meat product" the words "the container of".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of December 1968.

(L.S.) *S. H. O'Fee,*
Assistant Secretary.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Canned Meat Product Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 (which come into operation on 31st May 1969) by—

(*a*) exempting canned sliced bacon from any requirement as to lean meat content;

(*b*) setting a separate standard for the meat content of chopped or minced meat which is suitable for slicing;

(*c*) restricting the use of the expression "ready meal" on the label of a canned meat product;

(*d*) applying labelling requirements to canned meat products only when such products are in containers.

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This Order has been exempted from printing by regulations (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 195) made under the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading BOUNDARY SURVEY.