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FOOD AND DRUGS

Composition and Labelling

Canned Meat Products

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH JUNE 1967, 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:—

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Canned Meat Product Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 31st May 1969.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958;

"canned" in relation to any food means packed in a tin, jar or other hermetically sealed container, and either sterilised or pasteurised after sealing, and "canning" shall be construed accordingly;

"canned meat product" means any meat canned for human consumption and any product containing meat canned for human consumption and any reference to canned meat product includes any such product after removal from its container;

"canned meat with cereal" means any canned meat product which has a meat content of less than 95 per cent. and a vegetable content of less than 25 per cent. and of which the principal ingredient by weight, other than meat, is cereal, and includes luncheon meat, but does not include any faggot, rissole, croquette or meat ball described as such;

"canned meat with gravy" means any canned meat product which has a meat content of less than 95 per cent. and a vegetable content of less than 25 per cent. and of which the principal ingredient by weight, other than meat, is added gravy;

"canned meat with jelly" means any canned meat product which has a meat content of less than 95 per cent. and a vegetable content of less than 25 per cent. and of which the principal ingredient by weight, other than meat, is added jelly;

(a) 1958, c. 27.

"canned meat with sauce" means any canned meat product which has a meat content of less than 95 per cent. and a vegetable content of less than 25 per cent. and of which the principal ingredient by weight, other than meat, is added sauce;

"canned sausage" means any sausage canned for human consumption and any reference to canned sausage includes any such sausage after removal from its container;

"cereal" includes potato flour, potato starch, rice flour, rice starch, ground rice and soya flour but does not include grain rice, pastry, dumplings or any form of pasta;

"complete meat product" means any meat product which is homogeneous and complete in itself and is capable of being removed from a container in a single piece when the contents of the container are not frozen or congealed;

"container" includes any form of packaging of food for sale as a single item, whether by way of wholly or partly enclosing the food or by way of attaching the food to some other article, and in particular includes a wrapper or confining band;

"gravy" means the product usually known by that name, and consisting of a liquid, thickened or unthickened, frozen or otherwise, having a flavour essentially derived from meat and including gravy sauce and any other product having characteristics similar to gravy;

"lean meat content" means the total weight of lean meat free of visible fat, when raw or after curing or any other similar processing, contained in any canned meat product expressed as a percentage of the total weight of that product;

"meat" means the flesh, including fat, and the skin, rind, gristle and sinew in amounts naturally associated with the flesh used, of any animal or bird which is normally used for human consumption and includes cured meat, permitted offal, tails, feet, sweetbreads and tripe, but does not include fish;

"meat content" means the total weight of meat when raw or after curing or any other similar processing contained in any canned meat product expressed as a percentage of the total weight of that product;

"meat paste" means any readily spreadable product of which meat is a major ingredient and includes potted meat, chopped meat, minced meat, flaked meat and pâté intended for a use similar to any normal use of meat paste;

"meat pie" means any product containing meat which is wholly or partly encased in pastry and is intended for sale for human consumption and includes pasty and meat pudding but does not include sausage roll or vol-au-vent;

"permitted offal" means any offal other than offal prohibited to be used in any uncooked open meat product by the Offals in Meat Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(a);

"sauce" means a liquid, thickened or unthickened, frozen or otherwise, used as a garnish with food and having a colour and flavour derived essentially from ingredients other than meat, but does not include gravy sauce or any other product having characteristics similar to gravy;

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 165.

"sausage" means a product of a shape usually known as sausage shape or part of that such product made of comminuted meat with or without the addition of cereal and other minor ingredients, whether contained in an edible or inedible casing or not, and includes any chipolata, frankfurter, salame, saveloy and polony;

"sausage meat" means a product made of meat, with or without the addition of cereal and other minor ingredients, commonly used for or intended for the making of sausages or sold under any description which states or implies that the product is sausage meat;

"sell" includes offer or expose for sale or have in possession for sale, and "sale" and "sold" shall be construed accordingly;

"vegetable" means any product usually regarded as a vegetable for culinary purposes and includes mushroom and other edible fungus, tomato and grain rice as normally consumed.

(2) All percentages mentioned in these regulations are percentages calculated by weight and are calculated on the weight of the product as sold.

(3) Any reference in these regulations to a label borne on a container shall be construed as including a reference to any legible marking on the container however effected.

(4) For the purposes of these regulations, the supply of food, otherwise than by sale, at, in or from any place where food is supplied in the course of a business shall be deemed to be a sale of that food, and references to purchasing and purchaser shall be construed accordingly.

Exemptions

3.—(1) The provisions of these regulations shall not apply in relation to—

(*a*) any meat paste;

(*b*) any canned meat pie, canned sausage roll, canned sausage or canned sausage meat other than any such meat pie, sausage roll, sausage or sausage meat which is sold, consigned or delivered as a part of any canned meat product;

(*c*) any canned meat product bearing on a label on its container a clear statement that such canned meat product is intended for consumption exclusively by invalids, babies or young children and no statement to the effect that such canned meat product is intended for consumption by any other class of person;

(*d*) any canned product containing the fat, but no other meat, of any animal or bird normally used for human consumption;

(*e*) any canned cured ham, canned cured gammon or canned cured pork shoulder—

(i) to which nothing has been added except solid gelatine, and

(ii) which bears the description "X in natural juices" or "X in natural juices, gelatine added" whichever is appropriate and such description has been completed by inserting at "X" the word "ham", "gammon" or "pork shoulder", as the case may be;

(*f*) any canned gravy or canned sauce in each case described as such;

(*g*) any canned haggis, canned black pudding or canned white pudding in each case described as such;

(*h*) any canned sandwich or canned vol-au-vent in each case described as such;

(*i*) any canned soup (whether dehydrated or frozen or not) described as such;

(*j*) any canned whole carcase of any bird or canned half-carcase thereof (from which, in each case, no bones except those of the head, the neck or the feet have been removed) or any canned whole leg or canned whole wing of any bird in each case described as such;

(*k*) any canned meat product which is sold for exportation to any place outside the United Kingdom;

(*l*) any canned meat product supplied under Government contracts for consumption by Her Majesty's Forces or for consumption by a visiting force within the meaning of any of the provisions of Part I of the Visiting Forces Act 1952(**a**);

(*m*) any canned meat product sold, consigned or delivered to a manufacturer for the purposes of his manufacturing business or to a caterer for the purposes of his catering business.

(2) For the purposes of the exemptions referred to in sub-paragraphs (*f*) to (*j*) of paragraph (1), it shall not be necessary for the description in any case to include the word "canned" or a reference to canning.

Amendment of the Labelling of Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961

4. The Labelling of Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(**b**) shall be amended by inserting after the words "other than" in the first item in column 1 of Table C in Schedule 1 the words "canned meat or canned meat products,".

PART II

COMPOSITION OF CANNED MEAT AND CANNED MEAT PRODUCTS

Calculation of Meat Content

5.—(1) Any egg which is present in any canned meat product, not exceeding one fifth by weight of the meat content of such canned meat product, may be reckoned as part of the meat content of such canned meat product for the purposes of regulation 6, if the canned meat product bears, as part of or in immediate proximity to its name, a description indicating the presence of egg in such canned meat product.

(2) The minimum meat content required by regulation 6 for any canned meat product (other than any 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.

(3) The weight of any bone which is present as part of, or adhering to, any canned meat product, being bone which a purchaser may expect to be present by reason of a specific declaration on the container of such canned meat product, or by words otherwise disclosing or implying the presence of bone, shall be calculated as meat, for the purposes of regulation 6, but any bone otherwise present shall be reckoned as part of the total weight of the canned meat product, but not as part of the weight of the meat.

(4) Any edible casing used to enclose any canned meat product shall not be included in calculating, for the purposes of regulation 6, the total weight of any such canned meat product or the percentage of meat, jelly, gravy, sauce or cereal in such canned meat product.

(**a**) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 67. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 160.

(5) (*a*) The meat content of any dehydrated canned meat product shall be calculated, for the purposes of regulation 6, on the weight of such canned meat product as reconstituted, if it is clearly stated on the label on the container of such canned meat product that the ingredients are intended to be reconstituted before consumption;

(*b*) The total weight of any canned meat product of which one or more but not all of the ingredients is or are dehydrated shall, if it is clearly stated on the label on the container of such canned meat product that the dehydrated ingredients are intended to be reconstituted before consumption, be calculated, for the purposes of regulation 6, as if the dehydrated ingredients were reconstituted, and the percentage of the total canned meat product which such ingredients represent shall be calculated on the weight of such ingredients as if they were reconstituted.

Composition of Canned Meat Products

6.—(1) Any canned meat sold, consigned or delivered under the description "corned X" where the description has been completed by inserting at "X" the usual or common name of the meat or type of meat present, shall consist wholly of meat which has been corned.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, any canned meat product sold, consigned or delivered under any description that states or implies that the product contains no food other than meat shall have a meat content of not less than 95 per cent.:

Provided that any such canned meat product may—

(*a*) have a meat content of not less than 90 per cent. if such canned meat product has been cured and 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;

(*b*) have a meat content of not less than 85 per cent. if such canned meat product does not contain any meat suitable for slicing and bears on any label on the container as a description as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name any one of the following expressions, namely "savoury minced meat" or "savoury meat mince" or "savoury minced X" or "savoury X mince", and such description has been completed, where appropriate, by inserting at "X" the common or usual name of the meat present.

(3) Any canned meat with jelly sold, consigned or delivered shall have a meat content of not less than 80 per cent.:

Provided that any such canned meat with jelly may have a meat content of not less than 60 per cent.—

(*a*) if there is included in the description on the label on the container of such canned meat with jelly, as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name, the expression "brawn" or "collard head" or "pressed meat" or "pressed X", and such description has been completed, where appropriate, by inserting at "X" the common or usual name of the meat present, and

(*b*) if such description does not contain any words stating or implying that such canned meat with jelly has a meat content of not less than 80 per cent.

(4) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (8), any canned meat with gravy sold, consigned or delivered shall have a meat content of not less than 75 per cent.:

Provided that any such canned meat with gravy may—

(*a*) have a meat content of not less than 60 per cent. if such canned meat with gravy—

(i) contains no meat other than sliced meat, and

(ii) bears on a label on the container as a description as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name the expression "sliced meat with gravy" or "sliced X in gravy" and such description has been completed, where appropriate, by inserting at "X" the common or usual name of the meat present;

(*b*) have a meat content of not less than 50 per cent. if such canned meat with gravy—

(i) contains more than 12½ per cent. of onion or of mushroom or of asparagus, but no other vegetable, or more than 12½ per cent. of stuffing or more than 12½ per cent. of dumpling or of any form of pasta, and

(ii) bears on a label on the container as a description as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name the expression "X with Y and gravy", and such description has been completed by inserting at "X" the word "meat" or the common or usual name of the meat present and at "Y" the word "onion" or "mushroom" or "asparagus" or "stuffing" or "dumpling" or "pasta" or the common or usual name of any kind of pasta present, as the case may be.

(5) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (8), any canned meat with sauce sold, consigned or delivered shall have a meat content of not less than 60 per cent.:

Provided that any canned meat with sauce may—

(*a*) have a meat content of not less than 40 per cent. if such canned meat with sauce—

(i) contains more than 15 per cent. of onion or of mushroom or of asparagus, but no other vegetable, or more than 15 per cent. of stuffing, or more than 15 per cent. of dumpling or of any form of pasta, and

(ii) bears a label on the container as a description as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name the expression "X with Y and sauce", and such description has been completed by inserting at "X" the word "meat" or the common or usual name of the meat present and at "Y" the word "onion" or "mushroom" or "asparagus" or "stuffing" or "dumpling" or "pasta" or the common or usual name of any kind of pasta present, as the case may be;

(*b*) have a meat content of not less than 35 per cent. if such canned meat with sauce bears on a label on the container as a description as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name the expressed "curried meat" or "meat curry" or "curried X" or "X curry" and such description has been completed, where appropriate, by inserting at "X" the common or usual name of the meat present, or

(*c*) have a meat content of not less than 15 per cent. if such canned meat with sauce contains rice 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 "curried meat with rice" or "meat curry with rice" or

"curried X with rice" or "X curry with rice" and such description has been completed, where appropriate, by inserting at "X" the common or usual name of the meat present.

(6) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (8), any canned meat with cereal sold, consigned or delivered shall have a meat content of not less than 80 per cent.:

Provided that—

(*a*) any canned meat with cereal consisting of an homogenised mixture of comminuted meat and cereal may have a meat content of not less than 65 per cent.—

(i) if such canned meat with cereal bears on a label on the container as a description as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name, any one of the following expressions, namely "meat loaf", "meat roll", "X loaf" or "X roll", and such description has been completed, where appropriate, by inserting at "X" the common or usual name of the principal meat present, and

(ii) if any description used pursuant to sub-paragraph (*a*)(i) does not contain any words stating or implying that such canned meat with cereal is luncheon meat or any other type of canned meat with cereal with a meat content of not less than 80 per cent.;

(*b*) any canned meat with cereal consisting of an homogenised mixture of comminuted meat and cereal and containing a central filling of stuffing may have a meat content of not less than 50 per cent.—

(i) if such canned meat with cereal bears on a label on the container as a description as or as part of or in immediate proximity to its name, any one of the following expressions, namely "meat loaf with stuffing", "stuffed meat loaf", "meat roll with stuffing", "stuffed meat roll", "X loaf with stuffing", "stuffed X loaf", "X roll with stuffing" or "stuffed X roll", and such description has been completed, where appropriate, by inserting at "X" the common or usual name of the principal meat present, and

(ii) if any description used pursuant to sub-paragraph (*b*)(i) does not contain any words stating or implying that such canned meat with cereal is luncheon meat or any other type of meat with cereal with a meat content of not less than 80 per cent.

(7) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (8)(*b*) and (*c*), any canned meat product, including any canned faggot, canned rissole, canned croquette, or canned meat ball, but excluding any product to which the foregoing paragraphs apply, sold, consigned or delivered shall have a meat content of not less than 35 per cent.

(8) (*a*) Paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) shall not apply in relation to any meat product which is sold, consigned or delivered in a container bearing a label, if there appears upon such label as part of or in immediate proximity to the name of the product the expression "Pie Filling", provided that such meat product has a meat content of not less than 35 per cent.;

(*b*) Paragraphs (4), (5), (6) and (7) shall not apply in relation to any canned meat product which is sold, consigned or delivered in a container bearing a label, if there appears upon such label, as or as part of or in immediate proximity to the name of the canned meat product, a clear description—

(i) which does not mention the word "meat" or the name of any variety of meat or in which, if the word "meat" or the name of

a variety of meat is mentioned, such word or name does not occur as the first mentioned or sole ingredient in such description and is immediately preceded by the word "with" or, where appropriate, the word "in" or the word "containing", and

(ii) which does not include any statement or pictorial device calculated to indicate either directly or by ambiguity, omission or inference either that meat is a major ingredient of such canned meat product or that such canned meat product satisfies any requirement as to meat content contained in paragraph (4), (5), (6) or (7) or that such canned meat product is a canned meat product to which any such requirement applies;

(*c*) Paragraphs (4), (5), (6) and (7) shall not apply in relation to any canned meat product—

(i) which is sold, consigned or delivered in a container bearing a label, if there appears upon such label, as or as part of or in immediate proximity to the name of such canned meat product, the expression "ready meal" and such label bears no statement, other than such name and no pictorial device, which is calculated to indicate either directly or by ambiguity, omission or inference that meat is a major ingredient of such canned meat product, or that such canned meat product satisfies any requirement as to meat content contained in paragraph (4), (5), (6) or (7) or that such canned meat product is a canned meat product to which any such requirement applies, and

(ii) which contains either not less than two different kinds of vegetable, or at least one kind of vegetable and any kind of pasta or dumpling.

(9) No person shall sell, consign or deliver, as the case may be, any canned meat or any canned meat product in contravention of this regulation.

Requirements for complete meat products etc. when part of canned meat products

7.—(1) Where any canned meat product contains as a part thereof any complete meat product (including any sausage) or any meat pie or any sausage roll, such complete meat product, meat pie or sausage roll, as the case may be, shall comply with such of the compositional requirements as is specified in relation thereto in the following sub-paragraphs, namely—

(*a*) any cured meat, being such a complete meat product, shall comply with the compositional requirements specified in regulation 6(2);

(*b*) any other complete meat product so contained for which compositional requirements are specified in regulation 6(3), (6) or (7) shall comply with those requirements;

(*c*) any such sausage shall comply with the relevant compositional requirements of the Sausage and Other Meat Product Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(**a**);

(*d*) any such meat pie or sausage roll shall comply with the relevant compositional requirements specified in the Meat Pie and Sausage Roll Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(**b**):

Provided that, in the case of any such complete meat product, it shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements of this paragraph if it complied with the said requirements at the time when the canned meat product was canned.

(2) No person shall sell, consign or deliver, as the case may be, any canned meat product in contravention of the foregoing provisions of this regulation.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 156. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 155.

(3) In the case of any canned meat product sold, consigned or delivered containing no meat other than meat present in a complete meat product which is part of such canned meat product, it shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements of regulation 6 if it complies with the following requirements, namely—

(*a*) the total weight of the complete meat product expressed as a percentage of the total weight of the canned meat product shall be not less than the total meat content specified in regulation 6 hereof for such canned meat product, and

(*b*) the name of the complete meat product shall be included as part of the name or description appearing on the label on the container of the canned meat product.

(4) In the case of any canned meat product sold, consigned or delivered containing as ingredients thereof any complete meat product and any other meat, it shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements of regulation 6 if it complies with the following requirements, namely—

(*a*) the meat content of the canned meat product, if the meat content of the complete meat product is reckoned as if it were 100 per cent., shall be not less than the total meat content specified in regulation 6 for such canned meat product, and

(*b*) the name of the complete meat product shall be included as part of the name or description appearing on the label on the container of the canned meat product.

PART III

LABELLING, DESCRIPTION ETC.

Labelling and description of canned meat products

8. No person shall sell, consign or deliver any canned meat product to which regulation 6(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) applies unless such canned meat product bears a label on which there appears as a description, as or as part of or in immediate proximity to the name of the product, such one of the following expressions as is appropriate, namely:—

(*a*) "meat";

(*b*) "corned meat";

(*c*) "savoury minced meat";

(*d*) "savoury meat mince";

(*e*) "cured meat";

(*f*) "meat with jelly";

(*g*) "brawn";

(*h*) "collard head";

(*i*) "pressed meat";

(*j*) "meat with gravy";

(*k*) "sliced meat with gravy";

(*l*) "meat with onion and gravy";

(*m*) "meat with mushroom and gravy";

(*n*) "meat with asparagus and gravy";

(*o*) "meat with stuffing and gravy";

(*p*) "meat with dumpling and gravy";

(*q*) "meat with pasta and gravy";
(*r*) "meat with sauce";
(*s*) "meat with onion and sauce";
(*t*) "meat with mushroom and sauce";
(*u*) "meat with asparagus and sauce";
(*v*) "meat with stuffing and sauce";
(*w*) "meat with dumpling and sauce";
(*x*) "meat with pasta and sauce";
(*y*) "curried meat";
(*z*) "meat curry";
(*aa*) "curried meat with rice";
(*ab*) "meat curry with rice";
(*ac*) "meat with cereal";
(*ad*) "meat roll";
(*ae*) "meat loaf";
(*af*) "meat roll with stuffing";
(*ag*) "stuffed meat roll";
(*ah*) "meat loaf with stuffing";
(*ai*) "stuffed meat loaf":

Provided that—

(i) the common or usual name of the meat or of the complete meat product, as the case may be, present in a container of any canned meat product or, in the case of any canned meat with cereal product, the common or usual name of the principal meat or the complete meat product, as the case may be, present in the container, may be substituted for the word "meat";

(ii) the common or usual name of the meat present in a container of any canned meat product may be substituted for the expression "cured meat" if such name is commonly recognised as being the name of any cured meat;

(iii) a word or words accurately describing any method of preparation or processing may be inserted before the word "meat";

(iv) the common or usual name of any cereal present in a container of any canned meat product may be substituted for the word "cereal";

(v) a word or words accurately describing any jelly, gravy or sauce may be inserted before the word "jelly", "gravy" or "sauce" respectively;

(vi) the common or usual name of any kind of pasta present in a container of any canned meat product may be substituted for the word "pasta";

(vii) in the case of an homogenised mixture of comminuted meat and cereal containing not less than 80 per cent. meat, the expression "luncheon meat" may be substituted for the expression "meat with cereal", and the name of the meat present in any such mixture may be inserted before the expression "luncheon meat";

(viii) in the case of a product of the type commonly known as a hamburger, the word "hamburger" may be substituted for the expression "meat with cereal" and the name of the principal meat

present in such product may be inserted before the word "hamburger" or in place of the syllable "ham";

(ix) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 5(1) a word or words to indicate the presence of egg in the canned meat product may, when appropriate, be inserted as part of the prescribed expression;

(x) the word "and" or the word "in" may be substituted, as appropriate, for the word "with".

Advertising of canned meat and canned meat products

9. No person shall publish or be a party to the publication of any advertisement for any canned meat product for which compositional requirements are specified in regulation 6 unless such advertisement includes clearly and prominently at least once the appropriate expression specified in regulation 8, as the description for such canned meat product and where any brand name or descriptive name does not consist wholly of an appropriate expression, the appropriate expression shall appear at least once in conjunction with such brand name or descriptive name:

Provided that any expression permitted by the proviso to regulation 8 to be substituted for or inserted in any expression otherwise prescribed by that regulation, may be substituted for or inserted in any expression prescribed by this regulation.

Labelling and advertisement

10. No person shall give with any canned meat product sold by him, or display with any canned meat product offered by him for sale any label, whether attached to or printed on the container or not, or publish, or be a party to the publication of, any advertisement for any canned meat product which bears or includes any description which is specified in regulation 8, or any description substantially similar to such description, unless such canned meat product complies with the compositional requirements contained in regulation 6 for a canned meat product of such description.

Requirements as to presentation of descriptions

11. Every description or name required by virtue of regulation 6, 7, 8 or 9 to appear on a label on a container shall appear—

(*a*) conspicuously and legibly as or as part of, or in immediate proximity to the name of the canned meat product, and

(*b*) in a dark colour upon a light coloured ground or in a light colour upon a dark coloured ground.

General requirements as to composition and description

12.—(1) No person shall sell any food under such a description as to lead an intending purchaser to believe that he is purchasing any canned meat product for which compositional requirements are specified if the food does not comply with the appropriate compositional requirements set out in relation to that canned meat product.

(2) Where a person sells any food to a purchaser in response to a request for any kind of canned meat product for which compositional requirements are specified, he shall be deemed to sell a canned meat product of that kind and under such a description as is specified in relation to that kind of canned meat product unless he clearly notifies the purchaser at the time of sale that the canned meat product is not of that kind.

PART IV

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL

Penalties

13.—(1) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of the foregoing provisions he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction—

(*a*) to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment; and

(*b*) in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding five pounds for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

(2) The requirement of section 47(3) of the Act (which requires notice to be given to the Ministry of Health and Social Services of intention to begin a prosecution for an offence against any provisions relating to the labelling, advertising or description of food) shall not apply as respects any proceedings instituted by a health authority for an offence against any such provisions.

Defences

14.—(1) In any proceedings for an offence in relation to the publication of an advertisement, it shall be a defence for the defendant to prove that, being a person whose business it is to publish or arrange for the publication of advertisements, he received the advertisement for publication in the ordinary course of business and did not himself make or cause to be made any material alteration in the substance of the advertisement.

(2) In any proceedings against the manufacturer or importer of any canned meat product for an offence in relation to the publication of an advertisement, it shall rest on the defendant to prove that he did not publish, and was not a party to the publication of, the advertisement.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 28th day of June 1967.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations—

(*a*) specify requirements for the composition of canned meat products (regulations 5 and 6) including requirements for complete meat products when part of canned meat products (regulation 7);

(*b*) specify requirements for the labelling and description of canned meat products (regulations 8 and 11), and for the advertising of such products (regulations 9 and 10);

(*c*) amend Schedule 1 to the Labelling of Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961 (regulation 4).

The regulations do not apply to meat paste, any canned meat pie, canned meat pudding, canned sausage roll or canned sausage, any canned meat product

intended for consumption by invalids or infants, any canned product containing the fat but no other meat of any animal or bird normally used for human consumption, certain canned cured meats, canned gravy or canned sauce, canned haggis, canned black pudding or canned white pudding, canned sandwich or canned vol-au-vent, canned soup, certain canned carcases or parts of carcases of birds, or any canned meat or canned meat product sold for export, for consumption by Her Majesty's Forces or a visiting force, or for use for manufacturing or catering purposes (regulation 3).

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ELECTRICITY (SUPPLY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967

Commencement

ORDER, DATED 28TH JUNE 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 35(2) OF THE ELECTRICITY (SUPPLY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

I, the Right Honourable Brian Faulkner, Minister of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 35(2) of the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**a**) do hereby order as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Electricity (Supply) Act (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967.

2. The following provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967, namely—

(*a*) Sections 1-14, 18-20, 23-27, 29, 30 (except (1)(*c*)), 31 and 32, and

(*b*) the repeal by Section 33 and Schedule 2 of the Electricity (Borrowing Powers) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**), any provision of the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland) 1931(**c**), and Sections 2, 17(1)(*a*), 17(2), 18, 20 and 21 of the Electricity (Supply) Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(**d**),

shall come into operation on the 29th day of June 1967.

3. The provisions of the said Act, other than the provisions mentioned in Article 2, shall come into operation on 1st July 1967.

Given under my hand this 28th day of June 1967.

Brian Faulkner,
Minister of Commerce for Northern Ireland.

(a) 1967. c. 11 (N.I.).
(b) 1966. c. 33 (N.I.).
(c) 21 & 22 Geo. 5, c. 9 (N.I.).
(d) 1948, c. 18.