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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Cooking Utensils

REGULATIONS*, DATED 16TH JULY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 1 of the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a), and after consulting with such persons and bodies of persons as appears to it requisite, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Cooking Utensils (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971, and shall come into operation on 1st December 1971.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations "the Act" means the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965.

Coated surfaces of kitchen utensils

3. No kitchen utensil in which to cook food shall be coated, on any surface designed to come in contact with the food, with a tin or other metallic coating which contains lead or any compound of lead, so that the proportion (by weight) of lead calculated as the element (Pb) exceeds 20 parts in 10,000 parts of that coating.

Goods already manufactured

4. Subsections (1) and (2) of Section 2 of the Act (which prohibits sales and possession for sale of goods and component parts not complying with regulations) shall apply in relation to goods and component parts manufactured before the imposition of those requirements notwithstanding anything in subsection (4) of that section (which exempts such goods and parts unless regulations otherwise provide).

Local authorities

5.—(1) The Schedule to the Act shall have effect in relation to goods to which these Regulations apply.

(2) In relation to goods to which these Regulations apply, "local authority" in the Schedule to the Act shall mean the health authority for the area of each County and County Borough.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 16th day of July 1971 in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. G. Robinson,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1965. c. 14 (N.I.).

*These Regulations were affirmed by a Resolution of each House of Parliament on 26th October 1971.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

By the Consumer Protection Act (Northern Ireland) 1965, the Ministry of Home Affairs is empowered to make regulations imposing requirements, in respect of any prescribed class of goods, to prevent or reduce risk of death or personal injury.

These Regulations impose such requirements in relation to kitchen utensils in which to cook food, and accordingly under the Act, subject to certain exceptions, no person may sell or have in his possession for sale a utensil not complying with the Regulations.

Regulation 3 restricts the lead content of any tin or other metallic coating used on any surface of the utensil designed to come in contact with the food. Regulation 4 provides that goods shall be subject to the Regulations notwithstanding that they were manufactured before the coming into operation of the Regulations.