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FOOD AND DRUGS

Food Hygiene Advisory Committees

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH NOVEMBER, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS 16 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections 16 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 Food Hygiene Advisory Committees Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1962, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of March, 1963.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

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

Size and constitution of Food Hygiene Advisory Committees

3.—(1) A Food Hygiene Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as a "Committee") shall be constituted by the Ministry for the area of each health authority.

(2) A Committee shall be composed of a Chairman, who shall be appointed by the Ministry, and 12 other members appointed by the Ministry as follows:—

(*a*) 5 persons appointed after consultation with such organisations as may be recognised by the Ministry as representative of trade interests substantially affected by regulations made under Section 13 of the Act;

(*b*) 4 persons nominated by the appropriate health authority from the members of its health committee;

(*c*) 3 persons appointed after consultation with such organisations, if any, as may be recognised by the Ministry as representative of interests, other than trade interests, substantially affected by regulations made under Section 13 of the Act.

(3) The Ministry shall designate as Vice-Chairman one of the 12 persons appointed in accordance with paragraph 2.

Sub-Committees

4. A Committee may at any time appoint one or more sub-committees from amongst its members. The powers and duties of such sub-committees will be such as may from time to time be assigned to them by a Committee.

(a) 1958. c. 27.

Functions

5. A Committee may make recommendations to the appropriate health authority on any matter arising from the administration by that authority of regulations made under Section 13 of the Act and in particular—

(*a*) may examine and report on any matter arising from the administration of those regulations and referred to it by that health authority;

(*b*) may examine any suggestion made by a trader and arising from the administration by that health authority of the said regulations and may make recommendations to the said authority; such suggestions, except at the discretion of a Committee, shall be made through the appropriate trade organisation.

A Committee shall keep records of the proceedings of all its meetings and furnish to the appropriate health authority such records, reports, returns and information as may from time to time be required by that authority.

Terms of Office

6. A Committee shall serve for two years. A member nominated by a health authority who ceases to be a member of its health committee shall cease to be a member of a Committee.

Vacancies

7.—(1) A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for the residue of the term of the member in whose place he is appointed. A Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its numbers.

(2) Any person, on ceasing to be a member of a Committee, may be re-appointed.

(3) A member of a Committee may resign at any time by sending to the Ministry a written notice of his desire to do so.

(4) The Ministry may, if it thinks fit, at any time remove any member of a Committee.

(5) If any vacancy occurs in a Committee the Secretary to that Committee shall, within 14 days of the occurrence, notify the Ministry in writing.

Procedure

8. A Committee may draw up standing orders governing place of meetings, frequency of meetings, procedure, quorum and such other matters as the Committee may think fit. Such orders shall be subject to the Ministry's approval.

Secretary and other staff of Committees

9. It shall be the duty of a health authority to appoint a Secretary to the Committee for its area and such other staff as may be required for the efficient discharge of the Committee's duties.

Travelling, Subsistence and other expenses

10. Travelling and subsistence expenses of members of a Committee shall be payable in accordance with the Local Government (Allowances to Members) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955(a).

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955, No. 183.