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# FOOD AND DRUGS

## Composition

## Lead in Food

REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH JUNE 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTIONS 4 AND 68 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 4 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 Lead in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, and shall come into operation on 14th July 1973.

*Amendment of principal regulations*

**2.** The Lead in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(**b**), shall be amended by substituting for regulation 3(4) the following paragraph:—

"(4) The foregoing provisions shall not apply to edible gelatine nor to any food in respect of which the maximum permitted lead content is prescribed by any regulations, other than these regulations, made under the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 19th day of June 1973.

(L.S.)

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(**a**) 1958. c. 27.

(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 208.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

In these regulations, regulation 3(4) of the principal regulations (the Lead in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961), which was added to the principal regulations by the Colouring Matter in Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966, is replaced by a new paragraph extending exemption from the lead limits specified by the principal regulations to food for which the maximum permitted lead limit is prescribed by any other instrument made, or having effect as if made, under the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958.