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WELFARE FOODS

The Welfare Foods (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986

Made	*7th May 1986*
Coming into operation . . .	*9th June 1986*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1(3) of the Welfare Foods Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Welfare Foods (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 9th June 1986.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Welfare Foods Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**c**).

Amendment of regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations

2. Regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations (interpretation) shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) for the definition of "approved price" there shall be substituted the following definition—

"'"approved price" means 24p for a pint of, or if a supplier supplies milk only in metric measures, for a half litre of, pasteurised milk within the meaning of the Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**d**);";

(*b*) the definition of "Milk Order" shall be omitted.

Amendment of regulation 4(1) of the principal regulations

3. Regulation 4(1) of the principal regulations (entitlement to welfare milk) shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*a*) after "liquid milk," there shall be inserted "or, where the supplier supplies liquid milk only in metric measures, 4 litres of liquid milk per week,"; and

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*b*) for "two packs" there shall be substituted "900 grams".

Amendment of regulation 9(2) of the principal regulations

4. Regulation 9(2) of the principal regulations (use of tokens) shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*a*) after "7 pints of" there shall be inserted "or, as the case may be, 4 litres of,"; and

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(**a**) 1968 c. 26 (N.I.)

(**b**) Formerly the Department of Finance. *See* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Article 3. *See* also section 1(4) of the Welfare Foods Act (Northern Ireland) 1968

(**c**) S.R. 1981 No. 159; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1981 No. 308 and S.R. 1983 Nos. 72 and 335

(**d**) S.R. 1981 No. 234

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*b*) for "two packs" there shall be substituted "900 grams".

Amendment of regulation 10 of the principal regulations

5. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations (suppliers of and charges for milk) shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) in paragraph (1) for "supply 7 pints of milk" there shall be substituted "supply milk at the rate specified in regulation 4(1)(*a*)"; and

(*b*) for paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"(2) A supplier may accept a token for free welfare milk as part payment of the price of milk supplied to a beneficiary where the price of such milk exceeds the approved price on account of the designation or quantity of milk supplied.".

Amendment of regulation 11 of the principal regulations

6. Regulation 11 of the principal regulations (absence for less than a week) shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) after "7 pints" there shall be inserted "or, as the case may be, 4 litres"; and

(*b*) after "each pint" there shall be inserted "or, as the case may be, each half litre,".

Amendment of regulation 12 of the principal regulations

7. In regulation 12 of the principal regulations (absence for a week) after "7 pints of" there shall be inserted "or, as the case may be, 4 litres of,".

Amendment of regulation 13 of the principal regulations

8. In regulation 13 of the principal regulations (submission of tokens by suppliers) "7 pints of" shall be omitted.

Amendment of regulation 18(2) of the principal regulations

9. In regulation 18(2) of the principal regulations (supplier losing possession of tokens) after "7 pints of" there shall be inserted "or, as the case may be, 4 litres of,".

Amendment of Schedule 4 to the principal regulations

10. In Schedule 4 to the principal regulations (certain families in special circumstances) in the third column of the Table, in paragraph (*a*)(i) after "day" there shall be inserted "or, if the supplier supplies milk only in metric measures, half a litre per day".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 7th May 1986.

(L.S.) *A. N. Burns*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 7th May 1986.

(L.S.) *R. M. Smartt*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Welfare Foods Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 ("the principal regulations") by substituting in regulation 2 of the principal regulations a new definition of "approved price", which provides that in Northern Ireland the amount which a supplier may be reimbursed for the supply of welfare milk shall be 24p for a pint of, or if he supplies milk only in metric measures, for a half litre of, pasteurised milk (regulation 2).

The regulations also amend the principal regulations by making provision for welfare milk to be available in litres as well as pints; and for entitlement to dried milk to be measured at the rate of 900 grams per week instead of at the rate of 2 packs per week (regulation 3).

The other amendments are consequential on the provision made by regulation 3 for milk to be available in metric measures (regulations 4, 5(*a*) and 6 to 10) and on the new definition of "approved price" (regulation 5(*b*)).