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I, STEPHEN DONNELLY, Minister for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving effect to Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/860 of 1 June 2022\(^1\) and Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2340 of 30 November 2022\(^2\), hereby make the following regulations:

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Addition of Vitamins and Minerals and of Certain Other Substances to Foods) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

   (2) The Principal Regulations, the European Union (Addition of Vitamins and Minerals and of Certain Other Substances to Foods) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 226 of 2018), the Regulations of 2021 and these Regulations may be cited together as the European Union (Addition of Vitamins and Minerals and of Certain Other Substances to Foods) Regulations 2017 to 2023.

2. In these Regulations—

   “Principal Regulations” means European Union (Addition of Vitamins and Minerals and of Certain Other Substances to Foods) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 376 of 2017);


3. Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations (as last amended by Regulation 3 of the Regulations of 2021) is amended—

   (a) by substituting for the definition of “Annex III to EC Regulation 1925/2006” the following:


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\(^1\) OJ No. L 151, 2.6.2022, p. 37.
\(^4\) OJ No. L 67, 12.3.2015, p. 4.

(b) by substituting for the definition of “EC Regulation 1925/2006” the following:


4. Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations (as last amended by Regulation 4 of the Regulations of 2021) is amended by substituting for Regulation 8, the following:

“(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a food business operator who—

(a) adds to food, uses in the manufacture of food, or places on the market a food containing—

(i) a prohibited substance listed in Part A of Annex III to EC Regulation 1925/2006, or

(ii) a restricted substance listed in Part B of Annex III to EC Regulation 1925/2006 in a manner contrary to the conditions of use specified therein,

(b) supplies other food business operators with food not intended for the final consumer or not intended for supply

¹ OJ No. L 296, 15.11.2011, p. 29.
¹ OJ No. L 304, 22.11.2011, p. 18.
¹³ OJ No. L 39, 8.2.2014, p. 44.
to retail, without providing information on the amount of trans fat, other than trans fat naturally occurring in fat of animal origin, where that amount exceeds 2 grams per 100 grams of fat, or

(c) otherwise supplies a food in a manner contrary to the additional requirements contained in Part B of Annex III to EC Regulation 1925/2006, or places on the market a food which does not comply with those requirements, is guilty of an offence.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) and subject to paragraph (3), a food business operator is not guilty of an offence under this Regulation where it placed on the market —

(a) prior to 1 April 2021, a food containing trans fats other than trans fats naturally occurring in fat of animal origin which do not meet the conditions of use or the additional requirements in Part B of Annex III to EC Regulation 1925/2006, or

(b) prior to 21 December 2022, a food containing green tea extracts containing (-) epigallocatechin-3-gallate which do not meet the conditions of use or the additional requirements in Part B of Annex III to EC Regulation 1925/2006, which may remain on the market until 21 June 2023, provided that, such foods were placed on the market in conformity with the provisions applicable thereto at the date of their placing on the market.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2) (a) and (b), the food business operator shall bear the onus of proving that a food was placed on the market prior to 1 April 2021 or 21 December 2022, respectively.”

GIVEN under my Official Seal,

STEPHEN DONNELLY,
Minister for Health.
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).


These Regulations amend the European Union (Addition of Vitamins and Minerals and of Certain Other Substances to Foods) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 376 of 2017) in the manner specified in these Regulations.

These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Addition of Vitamins and Minerals and of Certain Other Substances to Foods) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.