



Food (Exemption from Compliance with Verification Requirements) Amendment Regulations 2020

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Order in Council

At Wellington this 7th day of September 2020

Present:

The Right Hon Jacinda Ardern presiding in Council

These regulations are made under section 343 of the Food Act 2014—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister for Food Safety after satisfying the requirements in section 344(a) and (b) of that Act.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Food (Exemption from Compliance with Verification Requirements) Amendment Regulations 2020.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Food (Exemption from Compliance with Verification Requirements) Regulations 2020 (the **principal regulations**).

4 Regulation 3 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) In regulation 3, definition of **COVID-19 lockdown period**, delete “Health Act”.
- (2) In regulation 3, replace the definition of **relevant Health Act order or other restriction** with:

relevant order or other restriction means any order or other restriction under—

- (a) section 70(1)(f), (g), (h), (i), (la), or (m) of the Health Act 1956; or
- (b) section 11 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020

5 Regulation 6 amended (Period of application of exemption)

In regulation 6, delete “Health Act” in each place.

6 New regulation 7 inserted (Revocation)

After regulation 6, insert:

7 Revocation

These regulations are revoked on 22 May 2021 (*see* section 379(7) of the Food Act 2014).

Michael Webster,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Food (Exemption from Compliance with Verification Requirements) Regulations 2020 (the **principal regulations**).

The principal regulations exempt certain non-essential food businesses from verification requirements in the Food Regulations 2015 if the food business is required to undergo verification during a COVID-19 lockdown period or in the 4 weeks immediately after that period.

These regulations—

- amend the definition of COVID-19 lockdown period to include a period during which an order or other restriction under section 11 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 is in force;
- replace the definition of relevant Health Act order or other restriction with a definition that includes orders or other restrictions under section 11 of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020;
- provide that the principal regulations are revoked on 22 May 2021 (the principal regulations expire, by virtue of section 379(7) of the Food Act 2014, on the day that is 12 months after the date they came into force).

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These regulations are administered by the Ministry for Primary Industries.