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I, JENNIFER CARROLL MACNEILL, 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 full effect to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/459 of 24 February 2026¹, hereby make the following regulations:

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Official Controls in relation to Food Legislation) (Imports of Food of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2026.

Definition

2. In these Regulations, “Principal Regulations” means the European Union (Official Controls in relation to Food Legislation) (Imports of Food of Non-Animal Origin) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 575 of 2020).

Amendment of Regulation 2(1) of Principal Regulations

3. Regulation 2(1) (amended by Regulation 3 of the European Union (Official Controls in relation to Food Legislation) (Imports of Food of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (S.I. No. 47 of 2026)) of the Principal Regulations is amended—

- (a) by the substitution of the following definition for the definition of “Annex II to EU Regulation 2019/1793”:
- “ ‘Annex II to EU Regulation 2019/1793’ means Annex II to EU Regulation 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019² as amended by Article 1 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/194 of 28 January 2026³ and Article 1(3) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/459 of 24 February 2026¹;”, and
- (b) by the substitution of the following definition for the definition of “EU Regulation 2019/1793”:
- “ ‘EU Regulation 2019/1793’ means Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019² as amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/625 of 6 May

¹ OJ L, 2026/459, 25.02.2026.

² OJ No. L 277, 29.10.2019, p. 89.

³ OJ L, 2026/194, 29.01.2026.

2020⁴, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/608 of 14 April 2021⁵, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1900 of 27 October 2021⁶, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/913 of 30 May 2022⁷, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/286 of 16 January 2024⁸, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/3153 of 18 December 2024⁹, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1441 of 18 July 2025¹⁰, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/194 of 28 January 2026³ and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/459 of 24 February 2026¹”.

Insertion of Regulation 23A into Principal Regulations

4. The Principal Regulations are amended by inserting the following Regulation after Regulation 23:

“Transitional provision: arachidonic acid oil

23A. Notwithstanding Regulation 20(4), until (and including) 26 April 2026 an operator shall not be guilty of an offence where he or she imports into the State from a third country, without complying with the requirement in Regulation 8(1)(m)(ii)(II) or (IV), a consignment of arachidonic acid oil from China, dispatched before 26 February 2026 from the country of origin, or from another third country if that third country is different from the country of origin.”.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
24 March, 2026.

JENNIFER CARROLL MACNEILL,
Minister for Health.

⁴ OJ No. L 144, 07.05.2020, p. 13.

⁵ OJ No. L 129, 15.04.2021, p. 119.

⁶ OJ No. L 387, 03.11.2021, p. 78.

⁷ OJ No. L 158, 13.06.2022, p. 1.

⁸ OJ L, 2024/286, 17.01.2024.

⁹ OJ L, 2024/3153, 19.12.2024.

¹⁰ OJ L, 2025/1441, 23.07.2025.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations give full effect to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/459 of 24 February 2026 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 as regards the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of arachidonic acid oil originating in China.

These Regulations amend the European Union (Official Controls in relation to Food Legislation) (Imports of Food of Non-Animal Origin) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 575 of 2020) in the manner specified in these Regulations.

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