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The purpose of the *Food Amendment Regulations 2002* is to modify the Food Regulations 2002 that in turn modify the transitional provisions of the *Food Act 2001* in accordance with S.156. S.156 provides that regulations can be made to modify the operation of the transitional provisions of the Act.

In 2001 the Legislative Assembly passed the *Food Act 2001* (the new Act). The new Act, which commenced on 10 March 2002, prescribes, among other things, the registration of food businesses.

The previous *Food Act 1992* licensed food businesses whereas the new act requires registration. The current transitional arrangement provides that businesses licensed under the previous Act are considered as registered under the new Act only until 10 June 2002. After this time they are considered to be unregistered and so operating illegally.

The aim of these Regulations is to allow the food business to be taken as registered until the day when the licence, issued under the previous Act, would have expired if the new Act had not commenced.

A Regulatory Impact Statement is not considered necessary because the amendment merely extends the existing transitional arrangement until the date at which the businesses licence would normally have expired.

The regulations commence on 11 June 2002 and expire on 10 March 2003.