

SL(5)356 – The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2019

Background and Purpose

These Regulations correct a minor drafting error in the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Wales) Regulations 2018 (“the 2018 Regulations”). The Explanatory Memorandum to these Regulations provides that paragraph 9(3)(a) of Schedule 7 to the 2018 Regulations (concerning ovine and caprine animals in a slaughterhouse) currently reads:

‘remove the spinal cord at the slaughterhouse without delay following the post-mortem inspection’

These Regulations substitute the word ‘following’ with ‘before’.

The Explanatory Memorandum confirms that the amendment does not affect the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies controls practiced or their delivery.

Procedure

Negative.

Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

Merits Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

Implications arising from exiting the European Union

The 2018 Regulations, which were made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, implement and enforce EU obligations in respect of animal health. Therefore, they will form part of retained EU law after exit day.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 11 March 2019 and reports to the Assembly to highlight issues as a result of the UK exiting the EU.

