

SL(5)664 – The Food and Rural Affairs (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

Background and Purpose

These Regulations make amendments to subordinate legislation, which apply in relation to Wales in the areas of food and rural affairs, in order to address failures of retained European Union (EU) law to operate effectively and other deficiencies arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU, to reflect the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in the EU withdrawal agreement, and to correct transitional provision.

In particular, these Regulations make minor technical corrections required to the Eggs and Chicks (Wales) Regulations 2010, the Food (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the Retained EU Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the Rural Affairs (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) (No 3) Regulations 2019. The instrument also revokes the Food Information (Wales) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

Procedure

Negative.

The Regulations were made by the Welsh Ministers before they were laid before the Senedd.

The Senedd can annul the Regulations within 40 days (excluding any days when the Senedd is: (i) dissolved, or (ii) in recess for more than four days) of the date they were laid before the Senedd.

Technical Scrutiny

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

Merits Scrutiny

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

1. Standing Order 21.3(ii) - that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd

A draft of these Regulations was laid before the Senedd for sifting in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. The Committee agreed that the negative procedure was the appropriate procedure for these Regulations.



Implications arising from exiting the European Union

Save for those set out above, no other implications are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of these Regulations.

Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is not required.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 7 December 2020 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting point above.

