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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 of 23 June 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs marketed in Wales (“Regulation 589/2008”).

Regulation 2 amends Annex 2 to Regulation 589/2008 to remove the limit on the length of time that laying hens can have their access to open-air runs restricted and still have their eggs marketed as free-range in Wales (where measures have been put in place to protect public or animal health).

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ and is published on www.gov.wales.

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Made

Coming into force

21 February 2025

The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 34(1) and 50(3) of the Agriculture (Wales) Act 2023 (“the Act”)(1).

There has been open and transparent consultation during the preparation of these Regulations as required by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety(2).

In accordance with section 50(6) of the Act, a draft of these Regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of Senedd Cymru.

Title, application and coming into force

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2025.

(1) 2023 asc. 4.

(2) EUR 2002/178, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

(3) These Regulations come into force on 21 February 2025.

Amendment to Commission Regulation (EC) No 589/2008

2.—(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 589/2008⁽¹⁾ laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs is amended as follows.

(2) In Annex 2 (Minimum requirements for systems of production for the various egg farming methods), in paragraph 1, in the second sub-paragraph, in point (a)—

- (a) before “restricted”, in the first place it occurs, insert, “temporarily”,
- (b) omit from “, provided” to the end of the sub-paragraph.

Name

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for
Climate Change and Rural Affairs, one of the Welsh
Ministers

Date

(1) EUR 2008/589, as amended by S.I. 2019/1422; there are other amending instruments, but none are relevant.