

SL(6)006 – The Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Background and Purpose

These Regulations will make amendments to the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Wales) Regulations 2019 (“the 2019 Regulations”) which apply in relation to Wales.

These Regulations make amendments to provide an exemption from the payment of fees for pre-export and export certification services where goods are moving from Wales to a business or private individuals in Northern Ireland. The exemption also applies to movements of goods by private individuals.

These Regulations also amend an error in Schedule 3 of the 2019 Regulations, where the reference was to weight whereas the reference should have been to volume. This means that Schedule 3 will be consistent with the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Procedure

Draft Affirmative.

The Welsh Ministers have laid a draft of the Regulations before the Senedd. The Welsh Ministers cannot make the Regulations unless the Senedd approves the draft Regulations.

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.

We note there has been no consultation on these Regulations. In particular, we note the following paragraphs in the Explanatory Memorandum:

“Stakeholders have not been consulted regarding the exemption from the payment of fees for pre-export and export certification services where goods are moving from Wales to a business or private individual in Northern Ireland, as these amendments are considered technical operability amendments and provide an exemption to the payment of fees.”



Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is not required.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 7 June 2021 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting point above.

