

Statutory Instruments with Clear Reports

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SL(5)740 – The Plant Health (Amendment) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021

Procedure: Affirmative

The purpose of these Regulations is to protect biosecurity and support trade by ensuring that effective phytosanitary controls continue to operate between Northern Ireland and Great Britain and within Great Britain in relation to Qualifying Goods. It facilitates the policy of unfettered market access in relation to Qualifying Goods.

This instrument makes amendments to allow movements of Qualifying Goods into Great Britain under an EU Plant Passport. Once in Great Britain, an EU Plant Passport can continue to accompany the Qualifying Goods.

Parent Act: European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Date Made:

Date Laid: 02 February 2021

Coming into force date:

SL(5)742 – The Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Procedure: Affirmative

These Regulations amend the Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013 ("the 2013 Regulations") to increase adopter's absence entitlement for members of a local authority from 2 weeks to 26 weeks. This will result in the same periods of maternity and adopter's absence being available under the 2013 Regulations.

The maximum period for adopter's absence that could be prescribed by regulations was previously limited to a period not exceeding 2 weeks by section 26(3) of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. This limitation was removed by section 61(4) of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

The Regulations also make a number of changes to put in place for adopter's absence similar arrangement to those already in operation regarding maternity absence. Specifically, the Regulations:



- Prescribe conditions a member must satisfy in order to be eligible for adopter's absence and procedures for varying the start date and duration of absence;
- Provide that the period of adopter's absence is 26 weeks unless the member provides written notice to the contrary (under regulation 14) or brings the period of adopter's absence to an end (under regulation 17A), and makes provision about the period of absence in situations where more than one child is adopted as part of the same arrangement;
- Prescribe the period within which the adopter's absence must start;
- Provide that, subject to the new regulation 16, a member may choose the date on which adopter's absence starts;
- Prescribe how a member may bring a period of adopter's absence to an end;
- Apply to adopter's absence the same procedure for determining whether a member may undertake certain duties during their adopter's absence as applies to members wishing to undertake certain duties on maternity absence or parental absence.

Parent Act: Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

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