

# SL(6)031 - The Food and Drink (Transitional Provisions) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021

## Background and Purpose

These Regulations amend the following statutory instruments relating to food and drink standards and labelling:

- The Food Information (Wales) Regulations 2014; and
- The Country of Origin of Certain Meats (Wales) Regulations 2015

The amendments introduce a transitional period, during which improvement notices cannot be served on persons who fail to comply with new labelling requirements for products placed on the market on or before 30 September 2022.

These amendments are required to address deficiencies arising from EU Exit and ensure that the statute book can operate effectively following the UK's exit from the EU.

## Procedure

Negative.

These Regulations are made using the powers conferred by paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("the 2018 Act").

These Regulations were laid for sifting before a committee of Senedd Cymru in accordance with Standing Order 27.9A.

On 12 July 2021 the Sifting Committee agreed that the appropriate procedure for these Regulations is the negative resolution procedure.

## 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.

### **Welsh Government response**

A Welsh Government response is not required.

### **Committee Consideration**

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 13 September 2021 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting point above.



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**Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee**