

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee Report
CLA(4)-25-13: 4 November 2013

CLA320 - The Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Regulations 2013

Procedure: Affirmative

These draft regulations provide much of the detail of how the new food hygiene rating scheme established in Wales by the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013 (“the Act”) will operate in Wales.

1. Technical Scrutiny

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

2. Merits Scrutiny

The following points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

These are the first set of regulations made under the Act. They are necessary to give full effect to the new statutory food hygiene rating scheme established by the Act. They make provision largely in relation to technical administrative matters, such as the form of the sticker and the forms to be used to make appeals or request re-ratings, but they also deal with more substantive matters, such as providing for ratings to be based on inspections carried out before the Act commences, and prescribing categories of establishment that are exempt from rating.

SO 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 Assembly.

3. Government Response

No Government response received.

4. Committee consideration

The Committee considered the regulations on 4 November 2013 and noted that the Minister for Health and Social Services would have an opportunity to explain the timing of the regulations in the forthcoming plenary debate.

The Committee report in line with the merits point referred to in section 2 above.