SL(6)042 - The Meat Preparations (Amendment and Transitory Modification) (Wales) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021

Background and Purpose

These <u>Regulations</u> are made in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 11A(1) of Schedule 2 to the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/2379).

The purpose of these Regulations is to extend the temporary removal of the requirement for meat preparations imported into Wales from establishments situated in EEA member States, the Faroe Islands, Greenland or Switzerland to be deep frozen. These Regulations amend the date in regulation 3(1) of the Meat Preparations (Amendment and Transitory Modification) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 in order to extend the effect of those regulations. These Regulations extend the suspension until midnight on 31 December 2021. The date had previously been amended to 30 September 2021 by the Meat Preparations (Amendment and Transitory Modification) (Wales) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/376).

Procedure

Made Negative.

The Regulations were made by the Welsh Ministers before they were laid before the Senedd.

The Senedd can annul the Regulations within 40 days (excluding any days when the Senedd is: (i) dissolved, or (ii) in recess for more than four days) of the date they were laid before the Senedd.

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 that no public consultation has been undertaken given the urgent nature of these changes. In particular, we note the following paragraphs in the Explanatory Memorandum:



"Given the urgent nature of these changes, no public consultation has been undertaken; however, there has been GB-wide extensive stakeholder engagement with the Agri-Food industry and with delivery partners with responsibilities over SPS border controls (such as local border authorities, the Animal and Plant Health Agency and the Foods Standards Agency), since January 2021."

Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is not required.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 20 September 2021 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting point above.