

SL(5)462 – The Rural Affairs (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) (No. 3) Regulations 2019

Background and Purpose

These Regulations correct deficiencies in Welsh legislation which arise as a result of the UK's exit from the European Union. They ensure the statute book in Wales remains up to date and operable once the UK leaves the European Union.

For example, these Regulations:

- amend the Marketing of Fresh Horticultural Produce (Wales) Regulations 2019, so that a person will not commit an offence relating to the marketing of mixes of different species of fruit and vegetables, in specified circumstances;
- amend the Eggs and Chicks (Wales) Regulations 2010 to remove references to EU law that will no longer exist after exiting the EU;
- amend the Food (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, so that a person will not commit an offence relating to the labelling of meat derived from animals imported live into Wales, in specified circumstances.

Procedure

Made affirmative.

Technical Scrutiny

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

Merits Scrutiny

One point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3(ii) in respect of this instrument.

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 Assembly.

These Regulations were made on 23 October 2019 and are subject to the urgent 'made affirmative' procedure. At the time of making these Regulations, the Welsh Ministers considered it necessary to use the urgent procedure because exit day was expected to be on 31 October 2019.

Implications arising from exiting the European Union

Under section 2 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, these Regulations will form part of retained EU law on exit.

Government Response

A government response is not required.



Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 11 November 2019 and reports to the Assembly in line with the reporting point above and also to highlight issues as a result of the UK exiting the EU.

