

*These notes refer to the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 4 March 2013*

# **FOOD HYGIENE RATING (WALES) ACT 2013**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 15 – Other powers and responsibilities of food authorities***

33. **Section 15** provides that when a food authority registers, or receives an application for approval from a new food business establishment, it must send information (to be prescribed by the Welsh Ministers in regulations) to the operator within 14 days. (Food hygiene legislation requires most food business establishments to register with their food authority, but some businesses have to obtain approval from their food authority).
34. The section also provides that the food authority must have regard to recommendations made by the FSA and guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers and must make arrangements to enforce the obligations under the Act on food business establishments in its area. The food authority must review the operation of the scheme in its area to ensure that the rating criteria are assessed fairly and consistently and assist the FSA in any evaluation of the scheme undertaken by the FSA (for example under section 14).