



# Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013

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*Informing the public about food hygiene ratings*

## 9 Offences

- (1) An operator of a food business establishment commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the operator—
  - (a) fails to display a valid food hygiene rating sticker in the location and manner prescribed;
  - (b) displays an invalid food hygiene rating sticker;
  - (c) fails to retain a valid food hygiene rating sticker;
  - (d) parts with possession of a food hygiene rating sticker to any person other than an authorised officer of a food authority;
- (2) An operator of a food business establishment is also guilty of an offence if, without reasonable excuse—
  - (a) a person's request to be informed verbally of the establishment's food hygiene rating is denied; or
  - (b) a person making such a request is given false or misleading information about the establishment's food hygiene rating.
- (3) A food hygiene rating sticker remains the property of the food authority.
- (4) A person commits an offence if that person—
  - (a) intentionally alters, defaces or otherwise tampers with a food hygiene rating sticker, and
  - (b) does so otherwise than for the purpose of removing it from display, or destroying it, in accordance with section 7(6).

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### Commencement Information

**II** S. 9 in force at 28.11.2013 by [S.I. 2013/2617](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013, Section 9.