

*These notes relate to the Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 13 January 2015*

# **FOOD (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

#### **Part 1: Food Standards Scotland**

##### ***Section 31: Publication and disclosure of advice and information***

31. **Section 31** gives FSS freedom to publish information as it sees fit. This power applies to information gathered from observations and monitoring (or obtained from any other source). The intention is for this to safeguard the autonomy of FSS. This power could be used to publish advice and information unrestrained by the Scottish Ministers or other stakeholders, a right to publish or disclose information. This power is subject to that publication or disclosure not being prohibited by another law, not being in contempt of court and not being outweighed by considerations of confidentiality attaching to it.