



# Food (Scotland) Act 2015

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### PART 1

#### FOOD STANDARDS SCOTLAND

##### *Food Standards Scotland*

#### **4 Governance and accountability**

- (1) Food Standards Scotland must so far as reasonably practicable operate in a way which—
- (a) is proportionate, transparent and accountable,
  - (b) constitutes good decision-making practice,
  - (c) develops and maintains effective links with the persons mentioned in subsection (3), and
  - (d) is consistent with any other principle of good governance which appears to it to constitute best practice.
- (2) “Good decision-making practice” means—
- (a) consulting people who may be affected by decisions before taking them,
  - (b) having good information on which to take decisions and taking decisions based on that information,
  - (c) recording decisions and the reasons for them, and
  - (d) making decisions and the reasons for them publicly available.
- (3) The persons referred to in subsection (1)(c) are—
- (a) the Scottish Ministers,
  - (b) public bodies and office-holders with functions in relation to food matters or animal feeding stuffs matters.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 4 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.S.I. 2015/99, art. 2

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Food (Scotland) Act 2015, Section 4.