

# Food (Scotland) Act 2015 2015 asp 1

## PART 1

### FOOD STANDARDS SCOTLAND

#### Membership

#### 6 Number and appointment of members

(1) Food Standards Scotland is to consist of-

- (a) a person appointed by the Scottish Ministers to chair Food Standards Scotland, and
- (b) no fewer than 3 nor more than 7 other members appointed by the Scottish Ministers.
- (2) A person may not be appointed as a member if the person is—
  - (a) a member of the Scottish Parliament,
  - (b) a member of the House of Commons,
  - (c) a member of the European Parliament,
  - (d) an office-holder in the Scottish Administration,
  - (e) a councillor of any local authority,
  - (f) an employee of any local authority.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must make appointments of members of Food Standards Scotland in a manner which encourages equal opportunities and in particular the observance of the equal opportunity requirements.
- (4) In subsection (3), "equal opportunities" and "equal opportunity requirements" have the same meanings as in Section L2 of Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998.
- (5) Membership is (subject to sections 7 and 18) for such period and on such terms and conditions as the Scottish Ministers may determine.
- (6) A member may resign by informing the Scottish Ministers in writing to that effect.
- (7) A person may be re-appointed on, or after, ceasing to be a member.

- (8) The Scottish Ministers may assign to one of the members appointed under subsection (1)(b)—
  - (a) the function of deputising for the person appointed under subsection (1)(a),
  - (b) the function of chairing Food Standards Scotland during any period when there is no person appointed under subsection (1)(a).

(9) A member to whom such a function is assigned—

- (a) is assigned the function for such period as the Scottish Ministers may specify in the assignment,
- (b) may resign the assignment by informing the Scottish Ministers in writing to that effect,
- (c) is assigned and ceases to be assigned the function in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Scottish Ministers may determine.