

GOOD FOOD NATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2022

EXPLANATORY NOTES

NATIONAL GOOD FOOD NATION PLAN

Section 3: Requirement to lay proposed plan before the Parliament

8. **Section 3** imposes a duty on the Scottish Ministers to lay the proposed national good food nation plan before the Scottish Parliament within 12 months of this section coming into force. The Scottish Parliament is to have a period of 60 days (of which no fewer than 30 days must be days when the Parliament is not dissolved or in recess) to consider the proposed plan.
9. Before finalising the national good food nation plan, the Scottish Ministers are required to have regard to (a) any representations about the proposed plan that are made to them, (b) any resolution passed by the Parliament relating to the proposed plan, and (c) any report published by any committee of the Parliament relating to the proposed plan before the expiry of the 28 day consideration period.
10. When laying the finalised national good food nation plan before the Scottish Parliament under section 1(1), the Scottish Minister must also lay a statement setting out details of any representations, resolutions or reports of the kind mentioned in paragraph 9 above and the changes, if any, which they have made to the plan in response to those representations, resolutions or reports together with the reasons for those changes.