

*These notes refer to the Food Hygiene Rating Act (Northern Ireland)
2016 (c.3) which received Royal Assent on 29 January 2016*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Sections 6 & 7: Validity of rating and duty to display the rating

These sections set out when a food hygiene rating is valid and place a duty on food business operators to display their valid rating sticker at their establishment. Section 7 also allows the Department by regulations to require them to provide their rating online where they supply consumers with food through an online facility. A food hygiene rating becomes valid when a food business operator is notified of their rating following an inspection, appeal or re-rating request. During and until the end of an appeal period, food business operators can choose either to display their newly notified rating or previous rating sticker. A rating ceases to be valid where there is a change of ownership of an establishment or where the establishment ceases to trade, either voluntarily or due to the service of particular enforcement notices.