

*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**

#### ***Section 16: Adjustment of time periods***

This section allows the Department to amend, by order, time periods in the Act within which something may or must be done. It provides flexibility for district councils and the Food Standards Agency to comply with certain time bound requirements as soon as is reasonably practicable where, due to exceptional circumstances, they have been unable to do so within the required period. It also extends certain time bound requirements by 7 days over the Christmas period, to take account of office closures.