
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement Commission Regulation (EU) No 1079/2013 laying down transitional measures for the application of Regulations (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (“the Commission Regulation”). They also implement Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 702/2013 on transitional measures for the application of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the accreditation of official laboratories carrying out official testing for *Trichinella* (“the Commission Implementing Regulation”). In addition they correct a minor error in the Food Safety Act 1990.

These Regulations implement the Commission Regulation by amending the Food Hygiene (Wales) Regulations 2006 to extend transitional measures until 31 December 2016, by omitting the definition of and references to [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1162/2009](#) (“Regulation 1162/2009”), which is being repealed, and inserting references to the Commission Regulation and the Commission Implementing Regulation (regulation 2).

The Regulations implement the Commission Implementing Regulation by amending the Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2009 to extend transitional measures until 31 December 2016, by omitting the definition of and references to Regulation 1162/2009, and inserting references to the Commission Implementing Regulation (regulation 3).

These Regulations make a minor amendment to Schedule 2 to the Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications)(Wales) Regulations 2013 (regulation 4) and to section 9(5)(a) of the Food Safety Act 1990 to correct an erroneous reference to a paragraph number (regulation 5).

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.