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The National Assembly for Wales**

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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Background

These regulations make amendments to six sets of regulations concerned with meat hygiene. These amendments provide enhanced enforcement powers in the light of the Council Directives which are identified in the Explanatory Note. The effect of the amendments is explained in some detail in the Explanatory Note.

Regulations to the same effect have been made for England and Scotland. The England regulations came into force on 1st March 2000 (SI 2000/225) and the Scottish regulations came into force on 30th June 2000 (SSI 2000/171).

Standing Order 11.5

The following points have been noted –

The draft regulations do not specify the coming into force date either in the heading or in regulation 1(2). The date will need to be inserted before the regulations can be submitted for making.

The preamble in the Welsh text incorrectly omits section 7(2) which is included in the English text.

The amendments made by regulations 2(2), 3(2), 4(2) and 5(2) all provide for the insertion of a definition of “The Agency”. It appears, however, that this definition

has already been inserted for Wales by SI 2000/656. On this basis it is not appropriate for the present regulations to purport to insert a duplicate definition in each case.

Subject to the above points being corrected by the laying of an appropriate Memorandum of Corrections, the Committee does not identify any matters in respect of which it would need to formally invite the Assembly to pay special attention, under SO11.5

There are some small matters, however, which should also be corrected either in the Memorandum of Corrections or on printing. These are as follows –

- In paragraphs 14 and 27 of the Explanatory Note the words “enhanced enforcement” have been run together.
- In paragraph 14 of the Explanatory Note the words “rhai pweirau” have been run together.
- In the Welsh text of the preamble the hyphen after “Ewrop 1972” should be omitted.
- The title of the 1995 regulations is not given correctly in regulation 3(1).
- In regulation 3, paragraph (22) is wrongly numbered as (23).
- In footnotes (f) and (h) (Welsh and English texts respectively) “1996 1499” should be “1996/1499”.

General Observations

It is noted that in certain of the inserted new regulations, a specific reference is included to indicate that the regulation in question only operates in Wales (eg. Regulation 7A inserted by regulation 2(14)). Although these references are not essential it is appreciated that they can be of assistance to users of the legislation. In other instances, however, such as regulation 4A, inserted by regulation 3(7), reference to Wales has not been included.

Additionally, in regulation 23 as substituted by regulation 2(25), it is thought that, properly speaking, it should read as –

“On an inspection of any meat at any place in Wales, other than licensed premises, an...”, or

“On an inspection of any meat at any place, other than licensed premises, in Wales
an...”.

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