



Ein cyf/Our ref MA-HB-1207-20

Elin Jones AM
Presiding Officer
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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8 April 2020

Dear Llywydd,

The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, as inserted by Sch.10 para 3 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, I am notifying you that this Statutory Instrument (SI) will come into force less than 21 days from the date of laying. The Explanatory Memorandum for these Regulations is attached for your information. The 2020 Regulations amend the Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Wales) Regulations 2010 ("the 2010 Regulations"), which place a duty on all retailers to charge a minimum of 5p for each new single use carrier bag sold to enable goods to be taken away from their stores, including bags used to enable home delivery or collection services. Bags used for certain purposes are exempt from the need to charge.

The 2020 Regulations amend the 2010 Regulations by inserting an additional exemption into Schedule 1, Paragraph 1 to exempt single use carrier bags used solely for the purposes of carrying goods purchased as part of a grocery delivery or collection service. The 2020 Regulations were made and laid as soon as practicable on public health grounds, in order to minimise the risk to home delivery staff and other customers of spreading or contracting COVID-19 during the course of home deliveries. As a result, they have come into force less than 21 days after they were made.

Not adhering to the 21 day convention allows the Regulations to come into force on 9 April 2020 and in view of the circumstances surrounding this disease, the reduced period is therefore thought necessary and justifiable in this case.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and this has been laid, together with the Regulations, in Table Office.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

A copy of this letter goes to Mick Antoniw AM, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd
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