

Government Response: The Agricultural Wages (Wales) Order 2020

1. Standing Order 21.2(v) – that for any particular reason its form or meaning needs further explanation

The reporting point is accepted.

The provision will be considered afresh in any future agriculture orders made.

2. Standing Order 21.2(v) – that for any particular reason its form or meaning needs further explanation

The reporting point is not accepted.

Where an agricultural worker is required to live in a dwelling house or other self-contained accommodation by virtue of their contract of service for the proper or better performance of their duties, there is a mutual benefit to both parties. The agricultural worker is provided with the benefit of a house or other self-contained accommodation and the employer has the benefit of the agricultural worker living on site. Article 15(1) makes provision for a nominal deduction of £1.50 in recognition of this mutual benefit.

The provision in article 15(2) recognises that other accommodation is provided at an inconvenience and at additional cost to the employer while also ensuring the agricultural worker is not subjected to excessive daily accommodation charges. The agricultural worker is free to take up the option of other accommodation in accordance with article 15(2) and subject to the provision in article 15(3) and (4), or to find their own accommodation.

3. Standing Order 21.2(vii) – that there appear to be inconsistencies between the meaning of its English and Welsh texts

The reporting point is accepted.

The English and Welsh texts are not equivalent. A correction slip will be requested to correct the Welsh version of the Order.