

UK MINISTERS ACTING IN DEVOLVED AREAS

214 - The Organic Production (Organic Indications) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

Laid in the UK Parliament: 5 January 2021

Sifting

Subject to sifting in UK Parliament?	No
Procedure:	Made affirmative
Date of consideration by the House of Commons European Statutory Instruments Committee	N/A
Date of consideration by the House of Lords Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	N/A
Date sifting period ends in UK Parliament	N/A
SICM under SO 30A (because amends primary legislation)	Not required

Scrutiny procedure

Outcome of sifting	N/A
Procedure	Made affirmative
Date of consideration by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments	Not known
Date of consideration by the House of Commons Statutory Instruments Committee	Not known
Date of consideration by the House of Lords Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee	Not known

Background

These Regulations have been made by the UK Government pursuant to section 8(1) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

Summary

These Regulations make operability amendments to retained EU legislation relating to organic products to ensure that it remains coherent and continues to function as intended after the UK has left the EU.

The Regulations amend retained Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products to ensure organic labelling regulations work in domestic law. They remove the mandatory requirement for the EU organic logo to be used in Great Britain (GB) and set out rules for the use of any United Kingdom (UK) organic logo when developed. The instrument also amends the statement of agricultural origin to reference the UK and provides that this must be used on GB organic products even where there is no UK logo.

Statement by Welsh Government

Legal Advisers agree with the statement laid by the Welsh Government dated 8 January 2021 regarding the effect of these Regulations.

Intergovernmental Agreement on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

The above summary and the content of the Explanatory Memorandum to these Regulations confirm their effect.

Legal Advisers do not consider that any significant issues arise under paragraph 8 of the Memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill and the Establishment of Common Frameworks in relation to these Regulations.