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SL(6)149 – The Eggs (Wales) Regulations 2022

Procedure: Affirmative

These <u>Regulations</u> are made under section 50(3) of, and paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 5 to, the Agriculture Act 2020.

The Regulations amend retained EU law, namely Regulation (EC) No 589/2008 ("the Retained Regulation"), which makes provision for marketing standards for eggs. The Regulations enable marketing standards checks to continue to be undertaken on imported Class A eggs at the point of destination. Points of destination are locations such as egg packing centres and wholesale premises, where checks are undertaken by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) egg marketing inspectors, prior to release for retail sale or mass catering.

The amendment made by these Regulations is required as the Retained Regulation requires marketing standards checks to be carried out at Border Control Posts before customs clearance from 1 July 2022. As existing practice means inspectors and compliant enforcement procedures already exist at the point of destination (the packing centres and wholesale premises where eggs are checked prior to release for retail sale), the Explanatory Memorandum to the Regulations states that it is more efficient and practical to continue the checks at these locations. Continuing to undertake egg marketing checks at the point of destination such as egg packing centres and wholesale premises rather than at points of entry will allow these checks to use existing and established resources prior to the eggs reaching the market.

Parent Act: Agriculture Act 2020

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