

**Government Response: *The Food (Withdrawal of Recognition) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022***

***Merits scrutiny point:*** The purpose of these Regulations is to remove exemptions for relevant food products that are lawfully marketed in EU Member States, the EEA or the Republic of Turkey. The exemptions are no longer appropriate following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

The Welsh Government confirms that the application of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 was considered in the preparation of the Regulations. Removal of recognition for goods lawfully marketed in other parts of the United Kingdom (“UK recognition”) was not part of the purpose of the Regulations. It was not necessary to preserve the effect of the existing express UK recognition provisions within the amended instruments (with any necessary modifications required to take account of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland) as the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 will apply to continue UK recognition as of 1 October 2022 (when the transitional provisions cease to have effect).