

WS-30C(6)-007 – The Organic Production (Amendment) Regulations 2022

Background

These Regulations were made by the UK Government under Articles 22(3) and 38b(8) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

Summary

The purpose of these Regulations is to extend the dates until which derogations may be authorised for the use of non-organic pullets (young chickens) and non-organic gellan gum in organic production.

The derogation for pullets expired on 31st December 2020, while that for gellan gum expired on 31st December 2021. Since there is currently insufficient supply of organic pullets and gellan gum available to the market in Great Britain, these Regulations extend both derogations until 31 December 2022. This will allow organic production to continue uninterrupted while the market develops.

Statement by Welsh Government

Legal Advisers agree with the statement laid by the Welsh Government dated 31 March 2022 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.

Legal Advisers

Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

11 April 2022

