

SL(6)674 – The Official Controls (Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793) (Wales) Regulations 2025

Background and Purpose

These Regulations amend imported food legislation which was retained by the UK on its departure from the EU.

Assimilated Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries ("Regulation 2019/1793") lays down provisions that apply to certain higher risk food and feed commodities not of animal origin on entry into Great Britain.

The Annexes to Regulation 2019/1793 contain lists of food and feed commodities which are either subjected to a temporary increase in official controls, subject to emergency measures or subject to suspension of entry into Great Britain.

These Regulations make changes to the Annexes to provide for the following:

- commodities to be removed from controls;
- commodities to be subject to reduced controls;
- commodities to be subject to increased controls; and
- commodities to require new controls.

The Regulations also update the presentation of the codes used to identify the commodities subject to controls to align with the UK's Integrated Tariff system and amend footnotes.

Procedure

Negative.

These Regulations were made by the Welsh Ministers before they were laid before the Senedd. The Senedd can annul the Regulations within 40 days (excluding any days when the Senedd is: (i) dissolved, or (ii) in recess for more than four days) of the date they were laid before the Senedd.

Technical Scrutiny

The following points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.



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

In Schedule 1, in the new Annex 1, in Table 1, there is a difference between the English and Welsh versions. In the English version, in the entry for “Uzbekistan”, in the second column, after “Dried apricots” it notes “(Food and feed)”. However, in the Welsh version of the corresponding place, after “Dried apricots” it only notes “**(Food)**” which is also formatted differently in bold. In addition, in the Welsh version of that entry for “Uzbekistan”, in the second column, it also notes “**(Food)**” in bold immediately after “Apricots, otherwise prepared or preserved” although no words appear in the English version.

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

In Schedule 1, in the new Annex 1, in Table 1, there is a difference between the English and Welsh versions. In the English version, in the entry for “Uzbekistan”, the abbreviation “(UZ)” is missing in the first column after the name of that country although it is found in the corresponding place in the Welsh version. In this regard, all the other entries in that Table include the relevant abbreviation after the names of the countries in both the English and Welsh versions.

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

In Schedule 2, in the new Annex 2, in Table 1, there is a difference between the English and Welsh versions. In the English version, in the entry for “India”, in the row for “Groundnuts (peanuts), otherwise prepared or preserved”, in the second column, it notes “**(Food and feed)**”. But in the Welsh version, in the corresponding entry, those words appear in Welsh as “**(Bwyd a bwyd anifeiliaid)**” rather than in English. The new Table 1 is being inserted into legislation that was not made bilingually in English and Welsh, therefore those words should be noted in the English language in both the English and Welsh versions of these Regulations.

Merits Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is required.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 25 November 2025 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting points above.

