

# **SL(6)576 – The Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

## **Background and Purpose**

These Regulations amend Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 of 23 June 2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs marketed in Wales (“Regulation 589/2008”).

Regulation 2 amends Annex 2 to Regulation 589/2008 to remove the limit on the length of time that laying hens can have their access to open-air runs restricted and still have their eggs marketed as free-range in Wales (where measures have been put in place to protect public or animal health).

## **Procedure**

Draft Affirmative

The Welsh Ministers have laid a draft of the Regulations before the Senedd. The Welsh Ministers cannot make the Regulations unless the Senedd approves the draft Regulations.

## **Technical Scrutiny**

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

### **1. Standing Order 21.2(v) – that for any particular reason its form or meaning needs further explanation.**

Paragraph 4.1 of the Explanatory Memorandum provides that *“The purpose of this statutory instrument is to enable free range eggs to be marketed as such when mandatory housing measures are imposed, **regardless of the duration they would be restricted access to open air runs.**”*

Regulation 2(2)(a) states *“before “restricted”, in the first place it occurs, insert, **“temporarily”**,”*.

The reason for inserting “temporarily” is unclear. Could clarification be provided as to why this addition is deemed necessary?

## **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.



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