

National Assembly for Wales

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

CLA582 - The Zootechnical Standards (Wales) Regulations 2015

Procedure:

Negative

Background

These Regulations provide for the recognition of organisations which record the pedigree of cattle, goats, pigs and set out the requirements which govern these organisations in relation to: the form and content of pedigree records, the form of zootechnical certificates and methods of recording breeding performance and assessing genetic value for the acceptance of animals for breeding purposes.

These Regulations apply in relation Wales and revoke and replace the Zootechnical Standards Regulations 1992 (SI 1992/2370) and the Zootechnical Standards (Amendment) Wales Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/1064).

Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument

Merits Scrutiny

There are two points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument. These Regulations replace current domestic Zootechnical legislation to implement a number of European instruments which have been agreed since Welsh legislation came into force in 1992 and amendments made in 2008.

Corresponding Regulations were made in England in 2012 to avoid infraction proceedings. These English Regulations also include provision for a ministerial review to be undertaken after 5 years within the coming into force of the Regulations and publishment of the conclusions of a review in a report.

There has therefore, been some delay in the making of these Welsh Regulations and there is also no similar provision for a ministerial review and period within the Welsh Regulations.

The European Commission has also put forward proposals for a new overarching Zootechnical Regulation in 2014 which is likely to come into effect post 2016. Given these developments, it is likely that these Regulations will need to be revoked in a relatively short period given the delay in their making.



This is an example of statutory instruments for which transposition notes from the Government would have considerably assisted the Committee's scrutiny of the Regulations. The preparation of such notes would also ensure that the Government has transposed all the necessary provisions of European law.

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