



Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013

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Food hygiene inspections and ratings

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- (1) Where a food business establishment has been inspected in accordance with section 2, a food authority must assess the food hygiene standards of the establishment and produce a rating (a “food hygiene rating”) for that establishment scored against criteria set out by the FSA (the “rating criteria”).
- (2) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations provide for a food hygiene rating to be based on an assessment of the food hygiene standards of an establishment carried out prior to the commencement of this Act.
- (3) Within 14 days of an inspection, a food authority must send to the operator of the establishment—
 - (a) written notification of its food hygiene rating;
 - (b) a written statement of the reasons for the rating;
 - (c) a food hygiene rating sticker in a form prescribed;
 - (d) such other information as may be prescribed.
- (4) A food hygiene rating ceases to be valid in the following cases—
 - (a) when an operator of an establishment has received notification of a new food hygiene rating and—
 - (i) the period of 21 days for an appeal against the new food hygiene rating has expired, or
 - (ii) if an appeal has been made, the appeal has been determined and the operator has received notification of the outcome;
 - (b) when there has been a transfer of ownership of an establishment or an establishment has ceased trading.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers may prescribe that certain categories of establishment may be exempt from rating.