



2016 CHAPTER 3

Validity of rating and related duties

Validity of rating

- 6.—(1) A food business establishment's food hygiene rating—
- (a) becomes valid when it is notified to the operator of the establishment under section 2, 3 or 4 (as the case may be), and
 - (b) unless it ceases to be valid as a result of subsection (2), continues to be valid until, where there is a new food hygiene rating for the establishment, the end of the appeal period in relation to that new rating.
- (2) A food business establishment's food hygiene rating ceases to be valid if—
- (a) there is a change of ownership of the establishment,
 - (b) the establishment ceases trading, or
 - (c) the establishment is unable to trade, as a result of a hygiene prohibition order, a hygiene emergency prohibition notice or a hygiene emergency prohibition order under the [Food Hygiene Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2006 \(2006 No.3\)](#).
- (3) The sticker provided under section 2, 3 or 4 showing a food business establishment's food hygiene rating—
- (a) becomes valid as soon as it is received by the operator of the establishment, and
 - (b) remains valid for as long as the rating to which it relates is valid.