



2016 CHAPTER 3

Preparation of rating

Food hygiene rating

1 Where a district council has carried out an inspection of a food business establishment in its district, it must rate the food hygiene standards of the establishment on the basis of that inspection.

(2) But the district council need not prepare a rating if it considers that it is not necessary to do so, in light of how long it is since it last did so.

(3) A rating under this section is referred to in this Act as a “food hygiene rating”.

(4) A “food business establishment” is an establishment which—

(a) is required to be registered with a district council under Article 6 of Regulation (EC) 852/2004 or to be approved by a district council under Article 4 of Regulation (EC) 853/2004, and

(b) supplies food direct to consumers.

(5) A reference to carrying out an inspection of a food business establishment is a reference to carrying out an activity in relation to the establishment as part of official controls under [F1Regulation (EU) 2017/625] .

(6) The Department may by regulations specify categories of establishment in relation to which the duty under subsection (1) does not apply.

(7) The Department may by order amend the definition of “food business establishment”.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Food Hygiene Rating Act (Northern Ireland) 2016, Section 1. (See end of Document for details)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(5) substituted (23.12.2020) by [The Food Hygiene Rating Act \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/267\)](#), regs. 1, **2(2)**
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 in operation at 7.10.2016 by [S.R. 2016/328](#), **art. 2**

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