EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide inspectors with the powers of entry onto premises to monitor for zoonoses and antimicrobial resistance to zoonotic agents and other agents that pose a threat to public health, as required by Directive 2003/99/EC (on the monitoring of zoonoses and zoonotic agents, amending Council Decision 90/424/EEC and repealing Council Directive 92/117/EEC) (regulation 4). Regulation 5 sets out what inspectors may do on those premises, including take samples, examine records and make enquiries of any person.

Regulation 6 requires food business operators involved in primary production to preserve isolates that have been tested for a zoonosis and to keep the results of those tests and provide them to the Welsh Ministers on demand.

Regulation 7 requires the Welsh Ministers to consult the Countryside Council for Wales in relation to any programme for the monitoring of zoonosis or zoonotic agents in wild animals that includes sampling of live wild animals or their nests or resting places.

Regulation 8 creates offences for obstructing an inspector and sets out the applicable penalties. Regulation 10 deals with enforcement.

A regulatory impact assessment of the effect which these Regulations will have has been prepared and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum. Copies can be obtained from the Welsh Assembly Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.