
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations enforce in Wales the consumer information requirements of Chapter 2 of Title I of Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products (OJ No L 17, 21.1.2000, p 22) and Commission Regulation (EC) No 2065/2001 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 as regards informing consumers about fishery and aquaculture products (OJ No L 278, 23.10.2001, p 6). They also enforce in Wales the traceability requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy (OJ No L 343, 22.12.2009, p 1) and Article 67 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy (OJ No L 112, 30.4.2011, p 1).

Regulation 4 sets out the consumer information requirements and the traceability requirements.

Regulation 5 applies section 10 of the Food Safety Act 1990 (c.16) with modifications so that an authorised officer of an enforcement authority can serve an improvement notice on an operator who fails to comply with the consumer information requirements or traceability requirements. Regulation 6 applies section 37 of that Act with modifications so that an operator can appeal against service of an improvement notice to the magistrates' court. Regulation 7 applies section 39 of the Act to enable the court to either cancel or affirm an improvement notice.

Regulation 8 requires operators to keep records of information specified in Article 58(4) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 (as read with Article 67(4) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011) and creates an offence for failure to comply with that requirement. Regulation 9 creates an offence for failure to produce those records on demand in breach of that Article.

Regulation 11 and the Schedule apply certain other provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990 to these Regulations with consequential modifications.

Regulation 12 provides that each food authority in Wales must execute and enforce these Regulations in its area.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Food Standards Agency at Food Standards Agency Wales, 11th Floor, Southgate House, Wood Street, Cardiff, CF10 1EW.