



# Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013

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## *Powers and responsibilities*

### **14 Duties of Food Standards Agency**

- (1) The FSA must—
- (a) in exercising its functions under this Act, have regard to guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers;
  - (b) publish the matters to which a food authority must have regard when preparing and keeping under review an inspection programme under section 2 (where those matters have been approved by the Welsh Ministers);
  - (c) publish the rating criteria against which a food hygiene rating is scored under section 3;
  - (d) at the end of the period of 1 year beginning with the commencement of the scheme, and each subsequent period of 1 year, conduct a review of the operation of the appeals system established under section 5 during that period;
  - (e) at the end of the period of 1 year beginning with the commencement of the scheme, and each subsequent period of 3 years, otherwise review the implementation and operation of the food hygiene rating scheme established under this Act during that period;
  - (f) make recommendations to food authorities to assist them to comply with their responsibilities under the scheme;
  - (g) promote the scheme to food business establishments and consumers in Wales;
  - (h) supply food hygiene rating stickers in the prescribed form to food authorities without charge.
- (2) No later than 3 months after the end of the period to which a review under subsection (1)(d) relates, the FSA must lay a report before the National Assembly for Wales containing—
- (a) details of the review that was undertaken;
  - (b) the recommendations for change, if any, to the appeals system it considers appropriate and its reasons for reaching that conclusion.

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- (3) No later than 3 months after the end of the period to which a review under subsection (1)(e) relates, the FSA must lay a report before the National Assembly for Wales containing—
- (a) details of the review that was undertaken;
  - (b) the recommendations for change, if any, to the food hygiene rating scheme it considers appropriate and its reasons for reaching that conclusion.
- (4) The FSA must send a copy of each report produced under this section to the Welsh Ministers.