

SL(5)276 – The Zootechnical Standards (Wales) Regulations 2018

Background and Purpose

These Regulations supplement, and make provision for the enforcement of, Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs, and the germinal products thereof (“the Animal Breeding Regulation”).

These Regulations revoke and replace the Horses (Zootechnical Standards) (Wales) Regulations 2006 and the Zootechnical Standards (Wales) Regulations 2015. They also amend the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011 to make provision in respect of border checks in certain circumstances by the Animal Breeding Regulation.

Procedure

Negative.

Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

Merits Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

Implications arising from exiting the European Union

These Regulations implement and supplement various EU obligations in relation to zootechnical and genealogical conditions, and therefore these Regulations will form part of retained EU law after exit day.

The Intergovernmental Agreement on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill and the Establishment of Common Frameworks provides that “agriculture – zootech” is a policy area likely to be subject to regulations made under section 12 of the EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018. Therefore, the law covered by these Regulations is likely to be an area of EU law that is frozen while common frameworks are put in place.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 26 November 2018 and reports to the Assembly to highlight issues as a result of the UK exiting the EU.

