

Food Labelling (Environmental Sustainability) Bill

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Require food manufacturers to label products to indicate the environmental sustainability of their origins; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Labelling scheme for the environmental sustainability of food

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision for a scheme requiring food manufacturers to label foods offered for sale in the United Kingdom to indicate the environmental sustainability of their origins.
- (2) That scheme must make provision for a kitemark indicating that foods, or their ingredients, have environmentally sustainable origins. 5
- (3) The definition of “environmentally sustainable” in the scheme must incorporate whether the agricultural or manufacturing processes involved in the production of a food—
 - (a) protect the habitats of species listed internationally as endangered, 10
 - (b) avoid biodiversity loss,
 - (c) avoid deforestation, and
 - (d) avoid significant increases in net carbon emissions.
- (4) The scheme may make provision for—
 - (a) enforcement, and 15
 - (b) civil sanctionsin relation to labelling and use of the kitemark.

2 Regulations

- (1) Regulations under this Act —
 - (a) are to be made by statutory instrument; 20
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes or areas;
 - (c) may not be made unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing them has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

- (2) Before making regulations under this Act, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (b) the Welsh Ministers, and
 - (c) the Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a draft statutory instrument containing the proposed scheme before the end of the period of one year beginning with the day this Act comes into force.

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3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Food Labelling (Environmental Sustainability) Act 2021.

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