

FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY CONSULTATION

On the draft Food Hygiene (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

Consultation Closing Date 19th September 2017

Responder – Derry City & Strabane District Council

Proposal

To amend the current labelling provisions for Northern Ireland to protect vulnerable consumers against risks associated with consumption of RDM and introduce consistent labelling requirements for all species.

Currently RDM (except buffalo) is required to be labelled with the warning:

“This milk has not been heat- treated and may therefore contain organisms harmful to health”.

It is proposed that in Northern Ireland and England enhanced labelling is introduced to RDM from all species which include the following wording:

“the Food Standards Agency strongly advises that it should not be consumed by children, pregnant women, older people and those who are unwell or have chronic illness”

Response

Derry City & Strabane District Council welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed Food Hygiene (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

Derry City & Strabane District Council agrees with the proposed wording as detailed across all species and the manner in which it is to be displayed.

Derry City & Strabane District Council welcomes the harmonising of the regulations across Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

Derry City & Strabane District Council have no supporting evidence to provide of any cost implications that may arise from these proposals as indicated in the draft impact assessment.