Guidance on implementation and operation of the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme: the Brand Standard and statutory guidance

Guidance for local authorities on implementation and operation of the Food Hygiene Ratings Scheme (FHRS), including the Brand Standard in England and the statutory guidance in Wales and Northern Ireland.

The guidance ensures there is consistency in the implementation and operation of the FHRS by local authorities.

England

The Brand Standard

The Brand Standard guidance provides local authorities in England with advice and guidance on all aspects of implementation and operation of the scheme.

The aim is to ensure that where food business establishments are rated under the scheme and where consumers see scheme branding, they can be confident that the local authority is operating the scheme as we intend and that it is done so consistently in all parts of England.

[The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme: Guidance on implementation and operation - the Brand Standard](#)?

Wales

The Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013 guidance

The purpose of this guidance is to support authorised officers in Wales in successfully implementing the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013 and associated regulations.

It should be read in conjunction with the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013 and regulations made under the Act.

[Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013, Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Regulations 2013 and Food Hygiene Rating (Promotion of Food Hygiene Rating) (Wales) Regulations 2016: Guidance for food authorities](#)

Northern Ireland

The Food Hygiene Rating Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 guidance

This guidance has been developed to ensure the successful implementation and consistent application of the statutory scheme in Northern Ireland.

It should be read in conjunction with the Food Hygiene Rating Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 and regulations made under the Act.

[Implementation and operation of the statutory Food Hygiene Rating Scheme in Northern Ireland: Guidance for district councils](#)