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The Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Minimum Unit Price) (Wales) Regulations 2019 (DRAFT).

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

2019/0073/UK - C00A

5. Title

The Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Minimum Unit Price) (Wales) Regulations 2019 (DRAFT).

6. Products Concerned

The draft regulations specify the Minimum Unit Price for alcohol, for the purposes of the Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Act 2018. Specifically, the regulations concern products sold at retail value for human consumption.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Act 2018 (the 2018 Act) makes provision about the minimum price for which alcohol is to be supplied by alcohol retailers from qualifying premises in Wales to a person in Wales and establishes a local authority led enforcement regime.

Section 1 of the 2018 Act sets out the formula which is to be applied in calculating the applicable minimum price for this purpose. That formula is $M \times S \times V$.

M is the minimum unit price which is specified in regulations; S is the strength of the alcohol, expressed as a cardinal number (so for instance if the strength is 5%, the relevant cardinal number will be 5); and V is the volume of the alcohol in litres.

The draft Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Minimum Unit Price) (Wales) Regulations 2019 specify that the minimum unit price (M) for the purposes of the 2018 Act is £0.50.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Alcohol is a major cause of death and illness in Wales; it leads to a number of health and social harms, particularly for a significant minority of people who drink to excess. In 2017, there were 540 alcohol-related deaths in Wales and in 2017-18, there were nearly 55,000 alcohol-related hospital admissions. All alcohol-related deaths and alcohol-related hospital admissions are preventable.

The Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Act 2018 is targeted at protecting the health of hazardous and harmful drinkers who tend to consume greater amounts of low-cost and high-strength alcohol. The 2018 Act provides a formula for calculating the applicable minimum price for alcohol by multiplying the percentage strength of the alcohol, its volume and the minimum unit price, allowing us to specifically target the sale and supply of that low-cost and high-strength alcohol.

The Act provides that the minimum unit price for the purposes of the Act will be specified in regulations. Ahead of laying these regulations before the National Assembly for Wales for its consideration, the Welsh Government consulted on a preferred minimum unit price of 50p. A summary of consultation responses was published on 15 February. Welsh Government intends to lay regulations specifying a 50p MUP before the National Assembly for Wales, for its consideration, later in 2019.



Minimum pricing for alcohol forms part of the Welsh Government's wider approach and strategy to reduce the harms associated with the excessive consumption of alcohol and substance misuse.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Act 2018 is available here:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2018/5/pdfs/anaw_20180005_en.pdf

The Draft Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment for the draft regulations is also attached and these include a detailed analysis of the impacts of the policy.

These impacts were also considered in the EM and RIA for the Public Health (minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Bill, and this is also attached.

The Welsh Government recently consulted on the preferred level of a 50p minimum unit price. The consultation document and the summary of consultation responses are also attached. These also provide background information on the policy.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft is not a technical regulation nor a conformity assessment

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure



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