Brexit, Food Safety and Port Health

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What do I know about Brexit ?

Nothing ?

Something ?

I know it will have a huge impact on local government and impact on food safety

I know I might get my old Port Health job back !

So I know something about Brexit

I know that food safety legislation will have to be transferred from EU to UK statute

I know that existing approved premises will have to change approval numbers to an UK system

I know that any food exported to the EU would need some form of certification, as exists to others

I know that food imported from the EU to the UK, will need some form of clearance, if not examination

I know that I will need retraining

Welsh Food Imports

Currently, food entering Wales through it's ports, is in free circulation within the EU

IN FUTURE

There will be some form of imported food control

Type of control depends on negotiations

Background to Holyhead Port

Holyhead port is the second busiest roll on / roll off port in the UK

Some 400,000 lorries make the crossing to/from Ireland each year

Ferry ports rely on quick turn around of traffic

Many lorries carry perishable foods and need to get to supermarkets within fixed timescales

The port is owned by Stena Line who have invested millions in the port

Stena Line and Irish Ferries operate ships to Dublin

There are 5 ferries, operating some ten sailings daily

Both ferry companies have plans to increase tonnage on the route

There is no desire to see the flow of lorries impeded by checks

Who’s been in contact with us ?

Defra - first to make contact , telephone contact and thought we still had a container terminal

FSA / FSA Wales – visited the port and were surprised at the volume of vehicle traffic, almost double their estimate. Resulted in good progress and we collate manifest information for them from Stena Line.

National Audit Office – visited and were given information regarding food safety, food standards, animal health

Welsh Government – teleconferencing welsh authorities with fish landings in their area.

Border Control – discussing scenarios / potential impacts

Recent Developments

- Border Delivery Group Meetings
  - NDOs
  - Day One No Deal Scenario
- Catch Certificate Training
- Inland Inspection of Imported Food Training
- Defra Port visits (Holyhead on 13/12/18)

What I don’t know !
Implications for Ynys Môn

Will it be a deal or no deal Brexit ?

Will there be a Day Two scenario ?

Will we need a Border Inspection Post ?

Will we get sufficient training and staff?

Will we get the IT systems required ?

Looking to the future by looking at the past

We must have a positive outlook on Brexit

We had border controls up to 1992

We had a BIP at Holyhead

We did it before, we can do it again

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Conclusions

We need everyone who knows “something” about our proposed role to keep us “in the loop” and let us have info asap

Must appreciate that we need time to adapt, need adequate training, staff and IT

Most importantly, we need the finance !

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THANKS FOR LISTENING