

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative instruments

[Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To make consequential changes to fully devolved Scottish legislation to update the terminology of “Retained EU law” and associated expressions to “Assimilated law” and associated expressions, in consequence of section 5 of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (the “REUL Act”).

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 16 November 2023 the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee agreed to recommend that the Regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 24 November 2023.

[Plant Health \(Fees\) \(Forestry\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#)

4. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

5. The Plant Health (Fees) (Forestry) (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015 (“the Forestry Fees Regulations”) include provisions relating to phytosanitary certification fees, including an exemption to provide that such fees are not payable in relation to exports from Scotland to Northern Ireland in certain circumstances. These amendment Regulations (“the 2023 Regulations”) amend the Forestry Fees Regulations to change the date on which this exemption ceases to have effect from 31 December 2023 to 30 June 2025.
6. The 2023 Regulations would also amend the ‘Type of inspection’ description in schedule 1 of the Forestry Fees Regulations, which outlines fees for inspections in connection with a plant passport authority. The 2023 Regulations remove the

word 'physical' from schedule 1 of the Forestry Fees Regulations which, according to the policy note, would provide greater clarity on the intended scope of activities which may be charged for as part of these inspections. The Regulations make no changes to the fee rates.

Consideration by committee

7. At its meeting on 22 November 2023 the Rural Affairs and Island Committee agreed to recommend that the Regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published by 1 December 2023.

Quality Meat Scotland (Amendment) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)

8. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Quality Meat Scotland (Amendment) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

9. To increase the maximum levy rates in the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008, which will enable Quality Meat Scotland to adjust the levies for the slaughter or export of cattle, sheep, and pigs. The levy for sheep is currently at the maximum levy rate that is allowed for in the 2008 Order.

Consideration by committee

10. At its meeting on 22 November 2023 the Rural Affairs and Island Committee agreed to recommend that the Order be approved. The Committee report will be published by 4 December 2023.

Decision

11. **Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.**
12. **Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.**

**Parliamentary Business Team
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