PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

MADE AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENT

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/425)

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 Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/425) be approved.

Purpose

- 2. This instrument amends the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 to expand the eligible vaccinated arrival category in a number of areas.
- 3. It updates the list of countries from where a person vaccinated with an authorised vaccine may be an eligible vaccinated arrival and the proof needed for this. It also updates the provisions to recognise certain WHO emergency use vaccines. It provides further for the recognition, in respect of countries already accepted into the eligible vaccinated arrivals scheme that, where they have overseas territories which use their respective mainland countries' certification solutions, those overseas territories are also accepted into the scheme.
- 4. It amends the provisions on vaccine rollouts of British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies to include these under the list of relevant countries. This clarifies that people vaccinated in these territories under the territories' own vaccination programme are in scope of the policy in the same manner as all other relevant countries and territories.
- 5. This instrument also—
 - removes the requirement that an authorised vaccine is administered in a "relevant country" or the UK, allowing for a relevant country to certify recognised vaccines administered elsewhere if appropriate.
 - makes an amendment to provide for a person who has received one dose of a two dose vaccine under the UK vaccine roll-out overseas and received the other dose in another country, as vaccinated under the UK vaccine roll-out overseas.
 - widens the definition of eligible vaccinated arrival for those participating in clinical trials.
 - clarifies the clinical exemptions which apply to eligible vaccinated arrivals. It
 extends the scope of the eligible vaccinated arrival scheme so it covers all
 children under the age of 18, whether they are resident in a relevant country or
 not. It inserts a new definition of EU Digital Covid Certificate ("EUDCC").
 - amends the acceptable proof of vaccine and need to prove residency requirements for US travellers.

- removes the requirement on certain categories of transport crew, travelling in the course of their work, to complete the Passenger Locator Form (PLF) and passengers transiting through Scotland without passing through immigration control, including red list arrivals.
- updates the definition of a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test to align with the UK definition.
- adds a specified competition to the list in Schedule 6.

Consideration by committee

6. At its meeting on 9 December 2021, the Covid-19 Recovery Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 9 December 2021.

AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

<u>Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled</u> Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)

7. 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 Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) be approved.

Purpose

- 8. To amend The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021. The 2021 Regulations set out extensive provision for the establishment of a Register of controlled interests in land. A Register is to be established which registers the owners of land, known as recorded persons, and persons or entities which have control over how the recorded person uses the land, known as associates.
- 9. This instrument amends the 2021 Regulations in so far as they apply to certain trusts and unincorporated associations where the persons listed as owner on the Land Register or Register of Sasines are either deceased or have resigned. The instrument provides that in those circumstances, the obligations of a recorded person will fall on the those who are legally owners but not registered as such on the Land Register or Register of Sasines (a situation which can only arise with these particular entities).

Consideration by committee

10. At its meeting on 30 November 2021, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published on 8 December 2021.

<u>Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments)</u> Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) 11. 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 Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft) be approved.

Purpose

12. This instrument amends the SCP regulations and the BSG regulations which set out the rules and eligibility criteria for Scottish Child Payment (SCP) for children under 6 and for Best Start Grant (BSG) respectively. This instrument inserts new rules to the SCP and BSG regulations which Scottish Ministers must apply when faced with competing applications for SCP and BSG. This will ensure the relevant payment is made to the person responsible for the child.

Consideration by committee

13. At its meeting on 2 December 2021, the Social Justice and Social Security Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 6 December 2021.

Decision

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

Parliamentary Business Team December 2021