PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

Registers of Scotland (Information and Access, etc.) Miscellaneous Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/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 Registers of Scotland (Information and Access, etc.) Miscellaneous Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

- 2. The Order makes complementary provisions to those contained in Registers of Scotland (Digital Registration etc.) Regulations 2022 and the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform)(Scotland) Bill by:
 - Setting out the basis on which the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland must issue extracts of documents registered in the Books of Council and Session, and the default form which these extracts should take; and
 - Clarifying that extracts of deeds registered in the Register of Sasines can be issued in electronic form on request.

The Order also makes a number of clarificatory amendments to the Writs Execution (Scotland) Act 1877 in support of the practice of issuing electronic extracts, and to remove reference to legislation that is no longer in force.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 15 June 2022, the Economy and Fair Work Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 16 June 2022.

<u>Plant Health (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations</u> 2022 (SSI 2022/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) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

5. These Regulations amend the Plant Health (Import Inspections Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 to ensure that fees are charged for plant health checks on commodities imported into Scotland from third countries, aligned with a new risk-targeted inspection regime.

6. The 2022 Regulations also amend the Plant Health (Fees) Forestry (England and Scotland) Regulations 2015 ("the Forestry Fees Regulations"). The Forestry Fees Regulations include provision 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. The 2022 Regulations amend the Forestry Fees Regulations to change the date on which this exemption ceases to have effect from 31 December 2022 to 31 December 2023.

Consideration by committee

7. At its meeting on 15 June 2022, the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published by 21 June 2022.

Decision

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

Parliamentary Business Team June 2022