

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative Instruments

[Alcohol \(Minimum Pricing\) \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Continuation\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

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 Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012 (Continuation) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To continue the effect of the minimum unit pricing provisions, which were inserted into the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 by the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012. In the absence of this Order, those provisions would expire and minimum unit pricing in Scotland would cease.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 26 March 2024, following debate, the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee agreed (by division: For 8, Against 2, Abstentions 0) to recommend that the Regulations be approved. [The Committee report was published on 28 March 2024.](#)

[Alcohol \(Minimum Price per Unit\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

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 Alcohol (Minimum Price per Unit) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

5. To increase the minimum unit price, currently set at 50 pence per unit (ppu), to 65ppu.

Consideration by committee

6. At its meeting on 26 March 2024, following debate, the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee agreed (by division: For 8, Against 2, Abstentions 0) to recommend that the Regulations be approved. [The Committee report was published on 28 March 2024.](#)

[National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board \(Public Services Reform\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

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 National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Public Services Reform) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

8. To add the National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board to a list of public bodies in Schedule 5 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. As a result, the Scottish Government would have the statutory ability to make provision to improve the Board's exercise of public functions, having regard to efficiency, effectiveness and economy.

Consideration by committee

9. At its meeting on 12 March 2024 the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the Regulations be approved. [The Committee report was published on 25 March 2024.](#)

[Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

10. 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 (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

11. To amend the Plant Health (Import Inspections Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 to ensure that fees are charged for plant health checks on medium-risk commodities imported into Scotland from third countries, in line with the new Border Target Operating Model (BTOM).

Consideration by committee

12. At its meeting on 20 March 2024 the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee agreed to recommend that the Regulations be approved. [The Committee report was published on 29 March 2024.](#)

[Legal Aid \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

13. 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 Legal Aid (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

14. To (i) provide for an uplift to counsel accommodation allowances, (ii) introduce counsel fees for written submissions when these are required by the court, and (iii) provide for automatic legal aid to be available to young people where a pre-hearing panel or children’s hearing is considering whether or not to impose a Compulsory Supervision Order (CSO) with Movement Restriction Conditions (MRC).

Consideration by committee

15. At its meeting on 26 March 2024 the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee agreed to recommend that the Regulations be approved. [The Committee report was published on 26 March 2024.](#)

Decision

16. Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.

17. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

Parliamentary Business Team
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