

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative Instruments

[Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To amend provisions of the Food Safety Act 1990 (c. 17) using powers found in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023. The Regulations will replace references to “EU” obligations and provisions with “assimilated” obligations and provisions, and replace a reference to “directly applicable EU provision” with “provision of assimilated direct legislation”.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 9 December 2025 the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 11 December 2025](#).

[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 and the Prisoners \(Early Release\) \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Modifications\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 and the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Modifications) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

5. To facilitate the earlier removal from prison of prisoners who are liable for removal from the United Kingdom, or have the settled intention of residing permanently outside the United Kingdom once removed from prison. This intends to align with other aspects of release legislation in Scotland and help mitigate the high prison population.
6. This instrument changes the release point from which early removal arrangements work backwards to align with the automatic early release point for short-term prisoners as changed by the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025 (which amended section 1 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993). This instrument also adds to the existing order making

power contained within the provisions to provide Scottish Ministers with a power to change the minimum period of sentence served before a prisoner can be removed by Order

Consideration by committee

7. At its meeting on 26 November 2025 the Criminal Justice Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instrument be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 8 December 2025](#).

Decision

8. Business Managers are invited to 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

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