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Dear Convener,

I am writing to provide the Scottish Government's draft Annual Reports on our commitment to remain aligned with the European Union, the policy intent of which is to maintain and advance high legislative standards for the benefit of Scotland. I also write in response to the Committee's latest independent EU Tracker Report.

Our Annual Reports include a draft of the Scottish Government's use of the power to align, as required under the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, which is being laid in Parliament today.

This will be the last Annual Report of this parliament. I want to take the opportunity to reflect on the Scottish Government's commitment to maintain and advance the legislative standards we share with the EU, which we have upheld in the face of a Brexit settlement that continues to negatively impact both Scotland and the UK's growth and prosperity. The UK EU negotiations to renew their relationship will intensify this autumn, and yet it appears clear at this stage that a pre-condition for progress will be for the UK to dynamically align in the areas of food and drink, energy and emissions trading. These requirements will mirror the efforts of the Scottish Government since Brexit and were acknowledged by the Prime Minister in May this year – in line with our long-standing rationale for this policy – as being 'good for jobs, good for bills, and good for our borders'.

The reporting period for these latest reports covers a period of significant change within EU and UK relations. It includes the formation of a new Commission under President Von der Leyen and the initial months of a new chamber of MEPs in the European Parliament, following elections in June 2024. There have consequently been fewer new EU Directives for the Scottish Government to consider for alignment purposes than in previous reporting periods. The reports set out how alignment has been considered and implemented over the reporting year, namely:

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- Annex A meets the statutory requirement in the Continuity Act and covers the reporting from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.
- Annex B details relevant legislation passed or considered by the Scottish Parliament and consideration of EU alignment in its accompanying documentation. It covers the reporting period from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.
- Annex C relates to EU proposals and legislation reviewed to establish whether it is likely to be within the scope of the powers of the Scottish Parliament. It covers the reporting period from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.
- Annex D provides the current context in which alignment is considered, including Scotland's priorities for the UK EU negotiations in the year to come.

As a package, these reports fully capture the tracking and decision-making processes involved in the management and implementation of the Scottish Government's EU Alignment policy.

### Scottish Parliament's Fifth EU Law Tracker

I would like to thank committee members and your officials for their efforts in working together over this session to ensure we provided the Scottish Parliament with the information required to fulfil its scrutiny responsibilities. I acknowledge Dr Lisa Whitten's latest independent report describes the material provided to the committee as:

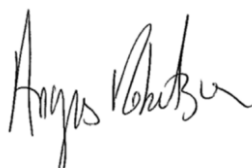
*'the most comprehensive and official account of alignment/divergence with EU law produced by any UK based government or department to date. In this respect the SG revised approach to reporting continues to support transparency, aid legal clarity and assist legislative scrutiny'.*

This latest iteration of Dr Whitten's report notes a number of areas for consideration by the relevant parliamentary committees, and to assist with this we have provided an enclosure to this letter. I trust this is helpful.

Next year will of course see elections no later than May 2026 and I believe the Scottish Government will wish to continue to work closely with the Scottish Parliament in considering the challenges and developments as the UK EU relationship evolves. In the meantime, I am pleased to lay these reports before Parliament and it is my expectation that they will provide the detail and transparency required by the committee to scrutinise how the Scottish Government has monitored and implemented EU law over the reporting period.

I look forward to the committee's consideration of this report and to providing whatever addition evidence I can to assist in your deliberations.

Yours sincerely



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## Response to CEEAC EU Law Tracker

The purpose of this enclosure is to address directly queries made in the latest CEEAC EU Law Tracker regarding the Scottish Government's alignment position on specific items of EU legislation. Where these feature in Annex C of this report, they are also provided here to ease consideration by CEEAC and the relevant subject matter committees, and to help the latter facilitate any further scrutiny further via the relevant Ministerial portfolio.

| EU Directive/Regulation                           | Query from CEEAC EU Law Tracker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Updated Alignment position                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Organic Production Regulation (EU) 2018/848       | <i>'The Rural Affairs and Islands Committee may wish to seek further information from the SG on its potential pursuit of alignment with the EU on organics products and labelling of organic products in view of the coming into force of the Organic Production Regulation (EU) 2018/848 in January 2022 and the approximately 82 implementing and delegated EU acts adopted by the EU under the OP Regulation since the end of the UK Transition Period. The Committee may also want to seek SG views on the effect of relevant provisions of the TCA on equivalence of standards regarding organics between the EU and UK and the implications for any SG alignment decision'</i> | Under consideration<br><br>The development of policy on organic production has been consistent to date between Defra and the devolved administrations. Given the agreement through the TCA for continued equivalence, it has not been deemed necessary to amend the current GB regulations to ensure compliance or exact alignment with the EU regulations. Current points of divergence are technical in nature and do not present barriers to trade. However, given the recent announcement on the forthcoming SPS Agreement between the EU and the UK, the current expectation is that, subject to the negotiation process, the UK will regulate consistently with the EU in matters of organic production. It is therefore anticipated that any existing points of divergence from the EU will continue to be temporary. |
| Regulation (EU) 2024/2516 EU fertilising products | <i>'The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek more information or request updates from the SG on its consideration of alignment with Regulation (EU) 2024/2516 which amends Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 in respect to the digital labelling of EU fertilising products which has been identified as 'for future consideration' in the most recent draft SG Annual Report'</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Under consideration<br><br>The Scottish Government has been working together with the other governments of the UK, in accordance with the Fertilisers provisional common framework, to review the existing UK fertilisers legislative landscape and develop proposals for a new UK regulatory framework. The proposed new UK framework would be similar to EU fertilising product regulations, including with regards to digital labelling. A public consultation will seek industry views on the proposals in due course.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| Regulation (EU) 2024/1781 eco-design and sustainable products | 'The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek further information from the SG regarding its consideration of alignment with Regulation (EU) 2024/1781 establishing a framework for the setting of eco-design and sustainable products; the most recent draft SG Annual Report identified the eco-design and sustainable products regulation (ESPR) as one of those EU acts 'for future consideration' regarding alignment' | <p>Under consideration.</p> <p>With regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/1781 eco-design and sustainable products (ESPR), our current consultation on a draft Circular Economy for Scotland (<a href="https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781806432141">https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781806432141</a>) recognises the importance of this regulation and highlights our intention to work with other nations in the UK to explore how data developments at EU level might be applied in Scotland, including digital product passports under the ESPR. The draft strategy also recognises that from July 2026, the ESPR will introduce a direct ban on the destruction of textiles and footwear by manufacturers, importers and distributors. We will seek alignment with the EU where it makes sense to do so, including developing a producer responsibility approach to textiles and measures to address the disposal of unsold consumer goods.</p> |
| Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 Nature Restoration                  | <i>'The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding progress on securing alignment with Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 on Nature Restoration which has been identified as one of those EU acts with which Scotland will align.'</i>                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Under consideration.</p> <p>Given the international context Scotland and the set of nature targets that the EU have developed, we have a good degree of confidence that the policies developed will have good strategic alignment. In terms of specific analysis around alignment of indicators and values attached to them, we will have a much better idea of this once the indicators and values of Scottish statutory nature restoration targets are agreed.</p> <p>Scottish Government will continue to consider alignment with EU nature restoration law whilst we continue deliver the Strategic Framework for Biodiversity in Scotland.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Directive (EU) 2024/1785 industrial emissions                 | <i>'The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding its consideration of aligning with the new Directive (EU) 2024/1785 on industrial emissions and landfill waste which the SG has identified as being 'under consideration' for alignment'</i>                                                                                                                                              | <p>Under consideration.</p> <p>The Scottish Government continue to consider this directive as it relates to industrial emissions and will work with partners across Scotland and the UK to ensure alignment where possible and practical. Some aspects of IED2 are already routinely undertaken in Scotland, particularly in relation to environmental monitoring and odour. The Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 will bring new industrial emissions activities within scope of regulation by SEPA which will bring regulation of these areas into alignment with IED2. We continue to analyse other aspects with a view to maximising positive outcomes for the environment in Scotland.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| European Health Data Space Regulation ((EU) 2025/327)                           | <i>'The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding its consideration of alignment with the European Health Data Space Regulation ((EU) 2025/327)'</i>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Under consideration.</p> <p>The Scottish Government is considering the Regulation in the context of Scotland's own Data Strategy for Health and Social Care. A core aim of our approach in Scotland is to create the right governance environment for data and digital transformation by developing consistent standards, guidance, and assurance approaches across health and social care. This focus on standardisation, interoperability, and alignment with international best practice directly supports Scotland's ability to remain compatible with the principles underpinning the EHDS. This includes exploring alignment with European and international standards where this supports interoperability, public trust, and opportunities for collaboration with international partners. At this stage, the Scottish Government has not taken a formal decision on alignment with the Regulation but will continue to assess its implications for Scotland.</p> |
| Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC)                                | <i>'The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek a view from the SG on Directive (EU) 2025/1237 which amends the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) as regards the protection status of the wolf'</i>                                                                                                                                                      | Not currently relevant to the alignment commitment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Directive (EU) 2024/884 waste electrical and electronic equipment               | <i>'Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding its consideration of Directive (EU) 2024/884 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2024 amending Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) – identified as 'under consideration' for alignment by the SG'</i>                            | <p>For future consideration</p> <p>Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for WEEE is being taken forward in collaboration with the other nations of the UK and we are implementing policy on a four-nation basis.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Directive (EU) 2024/2841 European Disability Card and the European Parking Card | <i>'The Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding the Directive (EU) 2024/2841 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 establishing the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities – identified as 'for future consideration' for alignment by the SG'</i> | <p>No for alignment.</p> <p>This directive falls under the Equality Act 2010, which is reserved to the UK Government. Nevertheless, in Scotland we are committed to ensuring that the policies that we create within the Scottish Government follow the social model of disability, where the overarching aim is to dismantle barriers to ensure that disabled people flourish within society.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Regulation (EU)<br>2024/3110 marketing of<br>construction products                                | <i>'The Economy and Fair Work Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding its consideration of Regulation (EU) 2024/3110 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2024 laying down harmonised rules for the marketing of construction products and repealing Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 – identified as 'under consideration' for alignment by the SG'</i>                                               | <p>Under consideration.</p> <p>Construction products regulation (CPR) is reserved to the UK Government; therefore, Scotland follows the rules and guidance put in place across the UK. Currently, there is alignment with the EU CPR to maintain a consistent regulatory regime for products on the market in the UK and to support long-standing trading relationships. The continuing alignment avoids any issues around friction affecting trade.</p> <p>The guidance in the Scottish Building Standards Technical Handbooks, under Building (Scotland) Regulation 2004, regulation 8 'Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship', currently includes reference to the European Regulation 305/2011/EU for construction products. Once UK Government has updated its building regulations guidance in relation to CPR for the UK, Scottish Government will amend guidance to reflect this. Officials in Scottish Government will liaise with UK Government officials to ensure alignment of guidance.</p> |
| Regulation (EU)<br>2024/3024 environmental<br>economic account<br>modules                         | <i>'The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding its consideration of Regulation (EU) 2024/3024 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2024 amending Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 as regards introducing new environmental economic account modules – identified as 'under consideration' for alignment by the SG'</i>                                                 | <p>No for Alignment.</p> <p>The Scottish Government does not produce environmental accounts. The UK's Office for National Statistics (ONS) produces a set of Natural Capital Accounts for the UK and Scottish data is included within that.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Regulation (EU)<br>2024/1735 framework of<br>measures for<br>strengthening net zero<br>technology | <i>'The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding its consideration of Regulation (EU) 2024/1735 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology manufacturing ecosystem and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 – identified as 'for future consideration' for alignment by the SG'</i> | <p>Yes for alignment.</p> <p>This directive broadly aligns with the Scottish Governments Green Industrial Strategy.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| Directive (EU) 2024/1712 preventing and combating trafficking in human beings                                           | <i>'The Justice Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding its consideration of Directive (EU) 2024/1712 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 amending Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims – identified as 'under consideration' for alignment by the SG'</i>                          | Under consideration.<br><br>Elements that fall fully or partly within devolved powers of Scottish Parliament are being reviewed. Where alignment will advance standards in Scotland, we will ensure that we address evolving trends in the area of trafficking. We continue to review our approach within the context of our recently refreshed Scottish Human Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy and accompanying delivery plan, as well as national guidance currently being drafted on the support provisions for victims of trafficking in Scotland.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Regulation (EU) 2024/1938 standards of quality and safety for substances of human origin intended for human application | <i>'The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding the Regulation (EU) 2024/1938 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on standards of quality and safety for substances of human origin intended for human application and repealing Directives 2002/98/EC and 2004/23/EC – identified as 'yes' for alignment by the SG'</i> | Under consideration.<br><br>Regulation (EU) 2024/1938 - Standards of quality and safety for substances of human origin intended for human application – will apply from 7 August 2027. Since its adoption, the Scottish Government has been working with the other UK Governments and the other devolved administrations to consider our approach to the Regulation, and the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health provided a detailed update on the approach in her letter of 15 November 2024 to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is coordinating views from relevant stakeholders, including the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, the Human Tissue Authority, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs, and the Joint UK Blood Transfusion and Tissue Transplantation Professional Advisory Committee. DHSC also intends to progress a targeted consultation on the Regulation. Taking into account the outcomes of these consultations, the Scottish Government will continue work to formulate its response ahead of 7 August 2027. |
| Directive (EU) 2024/3019 concerning urban wastewater treatment (recast)                                                 | <i>'The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek an update from the SG regarding its consideration of alignment in respect to Directive (EU) 2024/3019 concerning urban wastewater treatment (recast)'</i>                                                                                                                                                                         | Under consideration.<br><br>The Scottish Government continues to investigate alignment of Scottish policy and law with the large and complex EU Directive and its consequences, which is still evolving. We are monitoring, as observers in several European Water Industry groups, the emerging response of Member States to uncertainties in subsequent Implementing and Delegated Acts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>The existing statute book in Scotland is made up for numerous pieces of primary and secondary legislation, some predating Scotland joining the EU and some made using power previously available under the European Communities Act 1972. Alignment will be a significant legislative exercise and will not be possible before the Scottish Parliamentary elections.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>Directive (EU) 2024/2847 on horizontal cybersecurity</p>       | <p><i>‘The Economy and Fair Work Committee may wish to seek the SG view on the new EU act in respect to Directive (EU) 2024/2847 on horizontal cybersecurity requirements for products with digital elements (the ‘Cyber Resilience Act’)</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Under consideration.</p> <p>The Scottish Government supports the development of the UK Cyber Security and Resilience Bill as it seeks to enhance the standards and regulatory scope created by the UK Product Security and Telecommunications Act (PSTI) 2022. The PSTI has similar core aims to the EU Cyber Resilience Act, that of raising the baseline of cyber security in digital products. We will continue to monitor developments within the EU Cyber Resilience Act to assess any potential impact on Scotland.</p>                                                                           |
| <p>Regulation (EU) 2024/3115 on multiannual survey programmes</p> | <p><i>‘The Rural Affairs and Islands Committee may wish to seek the SG view on the new EU act in respect to Regulation (EU) 2024/3115 on multiannual survey programmes, notifications concerning the presence of regulated non-quarantine pests, temporary derogations from import prohibitions and special import requirements for high-risk plants, plant products and other objects, the establishment of procedures for the listing of high-risk plants, the content of phytosanitary certificates and the use of plant passports and as regards certain reporting requirements for demarcated areas and surveys of pests’</i></p> | <p>Under consideration.</p> <p>The changes made by Regulation (EU) 2024/3115 are largely to internal EU requirements relating to the management of plant health threats and should not impact trade between GB-NI or GB-EU. The Regulation does not change the EU’s plant health policy but rather aims to improve the operational application of the existing policy between the Commission and Member States. The Scottish Government is considering the implications of this regulation and will monitor developments to the EU plant health regime made through implementing regulations under it.</p> |
| <p>Regulation (EU) 2024/2881 on ambient air quality</p>           | <p><i>‘The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek the SG view on the new EU act in respect to Regulation (EU) 2024/2881 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (recast)’</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>Under consideration.</p> <p>Scottish Government are currently in the process of developing proposals for a long-term air quality policy framework, which will succeed the Scottish Government’s current air quality strategy Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 which is due to expire at the end of 2026. As part of this, we will be considering the provisions set out in Regulation (EU) 2024/2881. Developing the framework is still at an early stage, and further details will be made public as work progresses.</p>                                                                                    |

**STATUTORY REPORT ON THE USE OF CONTINUITY ACT POWER**

Laid in draft before the Scottish Parliament in accordance with section 11(1)(a) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021.

31 October 2025  
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**DRAFT REPORT BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS IN EXERCISE OF THE POWER IN SECTION 1(1) OF THE UK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION (CONTINUITY) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2021 FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 – 31 AUGUST 2025 AND THE INTENDED FUTURE USE OF THE POWER UNDER SECTION 1(1) IN THE UPCOMING REPORTING PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2025 – 31 AUGUST 2026**

**Introduction**

1. The Scottish Ministers lay the following report in draft in accordance with section 11(1)(a) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 (“the Act”). The draft report covers the following:
  - a) Part 1 explains:
    - the use of the power under section 1(1) of the Act during the reporting period 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025 (“the current reporting period”),
    - how that use of the power under section 1(1) contributes or has contributed towards maintaining and advancing standards in relation to the matters mentioned in section 2(1)(a) to (e) of the Act, and
    - any use of the power under section 1(1) that has been considered by the Scottish Ministers during the current reporting period.
  - b) Part 2 explains:
    - how the Scottish Ministers intend to use the power in the upcoming reporting period 1 September 2025 – 31 August 2026 (“the upcoming reporting period”), and
    - how their intended use of the power under section 1(1) would contribute towards maintaining and advancing standards in relation to the matters mentioned in section 2(1)(a) to (e) of the Act.

2. The draft report is subject to a consultation period of 28 days. During the consultation period, representations may be made to the Scottish Ministers about their intended use of the power in the upcoming reporting period. When laying the final version of this report under section 10(1), the Scottish Ministers will also lay before the Parliament a document setting out:
  - a) a summary of any representations about the draft report made during the consultation period, and
  - b) how they have had regard to those representations in preparing the report.

### **Policy Statement**

3. The Scottish Government published a policy statement on 10 May 2022, in accordance with section 6 of the Act, which explains their approach, the factors to be taken into account and the process to be followed when considering use of the regulation making power under section 1 of the Act.
4. This states that Scottish Ministers will seek to align with the EU where appropriate and in a manner that seeks to contribute towards maintaining and advancing standards across a range of policy areas. This will be achieved in a range of different ways, legislative and non-legislative. The power provided by section 1(1) of the Act is one means by which the Scottish Ministers may seek to align with EU law. It confers on the Scottish Ministers the ability to make subordinate legislation where appropriate in order to keep devolved Scots law aligned with EU law as it develops.
5. Other means include maintaining alignment through primary legislation or non-legislative means such as statement of policy or guidance. Where secondary legislation is the most appropriate, it may be possible to align with the EU using specific domestic powers that cover the subject matter of the EU legislation.

### **Report**

#### **Part 1: Current Reporting Period - 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025**

- 6. How the power under section 1(1) has been used during the reporting period:**

#### **The Masterplan Consent Area Scheme (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024**

Coming into force on 5 December 2024, the purpose of these Regulations is to ensure a planning authority, when creating a Masterplan Consent Area scheme, makes its decision in full knowledge of the likely significant effects on the environment. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) can help to identify the likely significant environmental effects of a proposed scheme, with an aim to avoid, mitigate or reduce significant adverse effects, before a decision is taken.

The requirements for EIA originate from EU Directive 2011/92/EU. After our withdrawal from the EU we could no longer use the European Communities Act 1972, to create new or amend our EIA legislations as we had previously. Therefore, when the concept of Masterplan Consent Area Scheme was formed, and it was understood that development proposals could include EIA development, it was necessary to use the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, as well as planning powers, to make these new EIA regulations.

**7. How that use of the power under section 1(1) contributes or has contributed towards maintaining and advancing standards in relation to the matters mentioned in section 2(1)(a) to (e) of the Act:**

The Masterplan Consent Area Scheme (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 were made to ensure environmental protection requirements were properly aligned with Masterplan Consent Areas by ensuring these were subjected to EIA when required.

**8. Any use of the power under section 1(1) that has been considered by the Scottish Ministers during the reporting period:**

**The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**

Action to give effect to recommendations by the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) regarding certain unauthorised planning. As the recommendations by the ACCC cover the whole of the UK, and in consideration of a recent consultation exercise, the Scottish Government are engaging further with UK colleagues on implementation to inform a consistent approach minimising the risk of potential unintended consequences.

Information on the Scottish Government's use of other legislation to align with the EU can be found at Annex B.

**Part 2: Upcoming Reporting Period – 1 September 2025 – 31 August 2026**

**9. Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations**

The regulations will be made using powers from both the Energy Act 2023 and the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021. Powers under the Energy Act 2023 allow for the energy usage or energy efficiency of premises to be assessed, certified and published. The Continuity Act allows the Scottish Government to ensure that the regulations continue to align with elements of the EU's Energy Performance of Buildings Directive in relation to Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs). EPCs can therefore provide current and potential building owners or tenants with important information about their buildings.

**10. How that will contribute towards maintaining and advancing standards in relation to the matters mentioned in section 2(1) of the Act:**

This instrument provides the legislative basis for the operation of the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) system and EPC assessor market within Scotland. EPCs are an important source of information for current and potential building owners and tenants to help them understand the energy performance of their building. EPCs must be provided when a building is advertised for sale or for let to a new tenant, and upon completion of construction of a new building. They must also be displayed in certain large buildings.

**Next Report**

11. The next reporting period ends on 31 August 2026. The subsequent report will detail the use and considered use of the power under section 1(1) of the Act during that reporting period and any planned use in the forthcoming reporting period. Our broader reporting in addition to this statutory report will also illustrate the variety of other means by which the alignment policy is being implemented.

**SCOTTISH MINISTERS**

## **ALIGNMENT USING OTHER LEGAL POWERS**

This year's report sets out legislation and its relevance to the policy of aligning with EU law made 1 September 2024 until 31 August 2025, covering the same period as the statutory Continuity Act annual report.

### **Classification**

#### **Yes – Aligns with EU legislation\***

Legislation proposed by the Scottish Government or UK Government is considered to align with existing EU policy and align with EU legislation in a devolved area where this is possible and meaningful.

#### **No - Does not align with EU legislation\***

Legislation proposed by the Scottish Government or UK Government in a devolved area does not align with EU Policy.

#### **Not relevant to the commitment**

Legislation proposed by the Scottish Government or UK Government is considered to be out of scope of the Scottish Governments commitment to align with the EU.

\*In some cases, the classification will be followed by further information clarifying the type of alignment or the degree of divergence.

### **Primary legislation since last annual report**

| <b>Title</b>                                                         | <b>Alignment Relevance</b>     | <b>Link to supporting documents</b>                                              |
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| Education (Scotland) Bill                                            | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Education (Scotland) Bill</a>                                        |
| Scottish Languages Act 2025                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Scottish Languages Act 2025</a>                                      |
| Care Reform (Scotland) Act 2025                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Care Reform (Scotland) Act 2025</a>                                  |
| Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2025                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2025</a>                 |
| Budget of (Scotland) Act 2025                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Budget of (Scotland) Act 2025</a>                                    |
| Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2025                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2025</a>                              |
| Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025            | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025</a>        |
| Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025              | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill</a>              |
| Judicial Factors (Scotland) Act 2025                                 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill</a>                                 |
| Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2025                      | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Policy Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2025</a>           |
| Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025</a>                    |
| Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2024     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2024</a> |
| Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill</a> |

## **LCMS since last annual report**

| <b>Title</b>                                           | <b>Alignment Relevance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Link to supporting documents</b>                                    |
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| Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill                  | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill</a>                  |
| Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill</a> |
| Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill    | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill</a>    |
| Tobacco and Vapes Bill                                 | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">Tobacco and Vapes Bill</a>                                 |
| Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill               | Not relevant to the commitment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill</a>               |
| Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill                         | Not relevant to the commitment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill</a>                         |
| Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill   | Not relevant to the commitment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill</a>   |
| Crime and Policing Bill                                | Not relevant to the commitment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Crime and Policing Bill</a>                                |
| Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill           | Not relevant to the commitment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill</a>           |
| Employment Rights Bill                                 | Not relevant to the commitment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Employment Rights Bill</a>                                 |
| Data (Use and Access) Bill                             | Not relevant to the commitment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Data (Use and Access) Bill</a>                             |
| Renters' Rights Bill                                   | Not relevant to the commitment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Renters' Rights Bill</a>                                   |
| Planning and Infrastructure Bill                       | Provision is made to enable the Secretary of State or the Scottish Ministers by regulations to amend the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (S.S.I. 2017/101) in limited ways in connection with environmental impact assessments and applications made to the Scottish Ministers for— (a) consent granted under section 36 or 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 (consent for construction etc of generating stations or for overhead lines), or (b) variation of consent granted under section 36 of that Act. These powers would be exercisable so as to be consistent with the EU Directive 2011/92/EU on Environmental Impact Assessment. | <a href="#">Planning and Infrastructure Bill</a>                       |

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| Product Regulation and Metrology Bill | <p>Clause 1(2) gives powers to the Secretary of State to align product regulations, made for the purpose of reducing or mitigating the environmental impact of products, with relevant EU law.</p> <p>Other powers in the Bill are not specifically focused on EU law. The power under clause 1(1) enables the Secretary of State to provide by regulations that a product requirement is met if a specified required in EU law has been satisfied. However, the power in clause 1(1) could lead to either alignment or divergence of UK product regulations depending on future decisions by the UK Government. This could include changes to assimilated law (formerly known as retained EU law).</p> <p>The exercise of the power under clauses 1(1) and 1(2) by the Secretary of State on devolved product matters, is subject to the consent of the Scottish Ministers</p> <p>In the Scottish Government's view, powers under the Bill could, potentially, see some negative effects of the IMA on devolved law be mitigated, specifically on matters where the Scottish and UK Governments had a shared ambition to align with EU law.</p> | <a href="#">Product Regulation and Metrology Bill</a> |
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## **SSIs since last annual report**

| <b>Title</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>Alignment Relevance</b>      | <b>Link to supporting documents</b>                                                                                                                       |
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| The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Order 2025                                               | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Order 2025</a>                                               |
| The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025                                                                     | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                                                     |
| The Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                                    | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                                                    |
| The Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                               | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                               |
| The Disease Control (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025                                                                       | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Disease Control (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025</a>                                                                       |
| The Recognition of Overseas Qualifications (Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                          | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Recognition of Overseas Qualifications (Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                                          |
| The Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                     | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                                     |
| The Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a> |
| The Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                     | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a>                                                     |

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| The Building (Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024                                                                             | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Building (Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024</a>                                                                                    |
| The Conservation of Salmon (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                           | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Conservation of Salmon (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a>                                                                  |
| The Masterplan Consent Area Scheme (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                           | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Masterplan Consent Area Scheme (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a>                                                  |
| The Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024                                                                       | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024</a>                                                                              |
| The Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                             | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a>                                                                    |
| The Official Controls (Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) Amendment (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2024               | Yes, aligns with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Official Controls (Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) Amendment (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a> |
| The Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment  | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The M8/A8/A8(M) Trunk Road (Hillington) (Temporary 40mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                     | Not relevant to the commitment  | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 8) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment  | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 8) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment  | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The North East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 8) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment  | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 8) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment  | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The A99 Trunk Road (Wick) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2025                                                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment  | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |

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| The A85 Trunk Road (Oban) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The M9/A9 Trunk Road (Granish) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road and Specified Turns) Order 2025                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The Animal Products (Control of Personal Importation) (Scotland) Order 2025                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Animal Products (Control of Personal Importation) (Scotland) Order 2025</a> |
| The A95 Trunk Road (Granish to Grantown-On-Spey) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road and Specified Turns) Order 2025                     | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Crieff) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Ardrishaig) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Falls of Cruachan) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The A78 Trunk Road (Sharphill Roundabout) (Temporary 40mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The North East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 7) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The A86 Trunk Road (Spean Bridge) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2025                                                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The A84/A85 Trunk Road (Criannlarich) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The A84/A85 Trunk Road (Strathyre) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The A86 Trunk Road (Newtonmore) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 7) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |
| The M77/A77 Trunk Road (Girvan to Lendalfoot) (Temporary 40mph Speed Restriction) (No. 3) Order 2025                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                        |

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| The M77/A77 Trunk Roads (Turnberry) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) (No. 2) Order 2025                           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The M77/A77 Trunk Roads (Turnberry) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2025                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 7) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 7) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2025                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The A9 Trunk Road (Helmsdale) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                            | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Lochearnhead) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Comrie) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 2) Order 2025                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Methven) (Temporary 20mph and 40mph Speed Restrictions) Order 2025                                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The A85 Trunk Road (St Fillans) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Inveraray) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The A76 Trunk Road (Kirkconnel) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2025                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 6) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |
| The North East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 6) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                    |

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| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 6) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 6) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |
| The Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025</a>           |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Tarbert) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |
| The Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025</a>     |
| The A830 Trunk Road (Glenfinnan) (Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2025                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |
| The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                     |
| The A702 Trunk Road (Biggar) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |
| The A84/A85 Trunk Road (Loch Lubnaig) (Temporary Clearway) Order 2025                                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |
| The A87 Trunk Road (Eilean Donan) (Clearway) Order 2025                                                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |
| The A835 Trunk Road (Ben Wyvis) (Clearway) Order 2025                                                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |
| The A82 Trunk Road (Falls of Falloch) (Temporary Clearway) Order 2025                                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |
| The Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The A82 Trunk Road (Balchraggan) (Temporary Clearway) Order 2025                                                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |
| The A77 Trunk Road (Knockcushan Street) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2025                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                          |

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| The Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2025                                                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2025</a>                                                                                        |
| The Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025</a>                                               |
| The A82 Trunk Road (Inverness) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                              |
| The Glasgow City Council Govan Partick Opening Bridge (Variation) Scheme 2024 Confirmation Instrument 2025                        | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                              |
| The A82 Trunk Road (Drumnadrochit and Lewiston) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2025                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                              |
| The Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The A82 Trunk Road (Fort Augustus) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                              |
| The Regional Strategic Bodies and Regional Colleges (Glasgow and Lanarkshire) Order 2025                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Regional Strategic Bodies and Regional Colleges (Glasgow and Lanarkshire) Order 2025</a>                                          |
| The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025                                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025</a>                                                                        |
| The Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                              |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Crieff) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) (No. 2) Order 2025                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                              |
| The A87 Trunk Road (Portree to Prabost) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                              |
| The A90 Trunk Road (Kingsway, Dundee) (Temporary Prohibition of Specified Turns) Order 2025                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                              |

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| Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) 2025               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025                                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                                      |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 5) Order 2025  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 5) Order 2025  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 5) Order 2025  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The North East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 5) Order 2025  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The A835 Trunk Road (Ardcharnich) (Temporary 30mph Speed Restriction) (No. 2) Order 2025                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The M90/A90 Trunk Road (Junction 10 Craigend Interchange Southbound) (Temporary Vehicle Weight Restriction) Order 2025                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications) (Scotland) Order 2025                   | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications) (Scotland) Order 2025</a>                   |

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| The Children (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2025                            | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Children (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2025</a>                            |
| The A84 Trunk Road (Callander) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                   |
| The Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                                                  |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Crieff) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2025                       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                   |
| The Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025</a>                                                   |
| The St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                        |
| The Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2025                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2025</a>                                |
| The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                               |
| The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Highland Council) Designation Amendment Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Highland Council) Designation Amendment Order 2025</a> |
| The Health Boards (Membership and Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Health Boards (Membership and Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                     |
| The Valuation (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Valuation (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                                        |
| The Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments and Forms) Regulations 2025                 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments and Forms) Regulations 2025</a>                 |
| The Education (Appeal Committee Procedures) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Education (Appeal Committee Procedures) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                      |

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| The Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                                                |
| The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025                                                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025</a>                                                                         |
| Act of Sederunt (Registration Appeal Court) 2025                                                                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| Act of Sederunt (Lands Valuation Appeal Court) 2025                                                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The Human Tissue (Supply of Information about Transplants) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Human Tissue (Supply of Information about Transplants) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                                       |
| The Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Local Services Franchises Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Local Services Franchises Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                |
| The M74 Trunk Road (Junction 9 to Junction 11) (Temporary 30mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The B979 Trunk Road (Stonehaven) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The A82 Trunk Road (Fort William) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The A95 Granish – Keith Trunk Road (High Street, Aberlour) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2025              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Comrie) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The M9/A9 Trunk Road (Helmsdale) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The A87 Trunk Road (Broadford) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |

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| The A87 Trunk Road (Portree) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                        |
| The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Local Reviews) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Local Reviews) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>          |
| The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a> |
| The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                |
| The M9/A9 Trunk Road (Golspie) (20mph, 30mph and 40mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                                            | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                        |
| The M9/A9 Trunk Road (Thurso and Scrabster) (20mph, 30mph and 40mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                        |
| The Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                        |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 4) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                        |
| The Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2025           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                        |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 4) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                        |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 4) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                        |
| The North East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 4) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                        |
| The Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                        |
| The Police Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Police Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>              |

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| The Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                      |
| The Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025</a>                                    |
| The A77 Trunk Road (Doonholm) (Temporary 40mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                       |
| The M77/A77 Trunk Road (Girvan to Lendalfoot) (Temporary 40mph Speed Restriction) (No. 2) Order 2025                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                       |
| The M77/A77 Trunk Road (Girvan to Lendalfoot) (Temporary 40mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                       |
| The Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025                 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025</a>                          |
| The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                  |
| The A830 Trunk Road (Morar) (Clearway) Order 2025                                                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                       |
| The Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025                                                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                       |
| The Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                                        |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Campbeltown) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                       |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 3) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                       |

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| The North East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 3) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                         |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 3) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                         |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 3) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                         |
| The A7 Trunk Road (Langholm) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                         |
| The A7 Trunk Road (Langholm) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2025                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                         |
| The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 5, Saving and Transitional Provision) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                         |
| The A86 Trunk Road (Kingussie) (Temporary 30mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                         |
| The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025</a>           |
| The Railway Closure (Exclusion) (Hairmyres) Order 2025                                                                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Railway Closure (Exclusion) (Hairmyres) Order 2025</a>                                                       |
| The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2025                               | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2025</a> |
| The Regulated Roles with Children and Adults (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Regulated Roles with Children and Adults (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                           |
| The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (List A and B Offences) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (List A and B Offences) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                        |
| The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2025                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2025</a>  |

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| The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 5, Saving and Transitional Provision) Amendment Regulations 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 5, Saving and Transitional Provision) Amendment Regulations 2025</a> |
| The A82 Trunk Road (Spean Bridge) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 2) Order 2025                           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The A835/A893 Trunk Road (Ullapool) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The A835/A893 Trunk Road (Contin) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2025                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025                           | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025</a>                           |
| The A830 Trunk Road (Mallaig) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2025                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Crieff) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                                 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The A737 Trunk Road (Dalry Road) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2025                 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The St. Andrews Harbour Revision Order 2025                                                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Comrie) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                                 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The A84/A85 Trunk Road (Callander) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2025                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Nautical Assessors) 2025                              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2025                                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                                       |
| The A82 Trunk Road (Spean Bridge) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2025                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                  |
| The Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025</a>                                                    |

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| The Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax (Discounts) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax (Discounts) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 2) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                        |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 2) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                        |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 2) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                        |
| The North East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 2) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                        |
| The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 2 (Amendment) and Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2025                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                        |
| The Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025</a>                                 |
| Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2025                                                            | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                        |
| The Burial and Cremation (Inspection) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Burial and Cremation (Inspection) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                           |
| The Burial (Management) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Burial (Management) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                                         |
| The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2025                                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2025</a>                                           |
| The National Health Service (Common Staffing Method) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The National Health Service (Common Staffing Method) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                  |
| The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2025                                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2025</a>                                         |
| The Non-Domestic Rates (Hospitality Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Non-Domestic Rates (Hospitality Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                     |

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| The Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                                           |
| The Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                           |
| The Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2025                                                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2025</a>                                                                                        |
| The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment (Amendment) Regulations 2025                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment (Amendment) Regulations 2025</a>                                     |
| The A84 Trunk Road (Callander) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                               |
| The A76 Trunk Road (Sanquhar) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2025                                 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                               |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Comrie) (Temporary 20mph and 30mph Speed Restrictions) Order 2025                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                               |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Crieff) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                               |
| The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                            | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                            |
| The National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                               |
| The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Saving Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Saving Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                              |
| The Environmental Protection (Injurious Articles) (Fixed Penalty Notices and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Environmental Protection (Injurious Articles) (Fixed Penalty Notices and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 5, Saving and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 5, Saving and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025</a>                        |

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| The Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Review Application (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Review Application (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>      |
| The Fees for Scheme Membership and Disclosure Applications (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Fees for Scheme Membership and Disclosure Applications (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>        |
| The A737 Trunk Road (Beith) (Temporary 30mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                   |
| The A835 Ardcharnich (Temporary 30mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                   |
| The A9 Trunk Road (Tummel) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road and Temporary 30mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025                 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                   |
| The A835 Trunk Road (Loch Garve) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road and Temporary 30mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                   |
| The Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025</a>       |
| The Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2025                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2025</a>                    |
| The Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement) Regulations 2025                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                   |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                   |
| The North East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                   |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                   |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) Order 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                   |

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| The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025                   | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025</a>                   |
| The Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                 |
| The Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                   |
| The Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Amendment Order 2025                                                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Amendment Order 2025</a>                                                                     |
| The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2025                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2025</a>                                     |
| The Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery (Variation) Order 2025                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery (Variation) Order 2025</a>                                                  |
| The Building (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025                                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                   |
| The Disclosure Information (Accredited Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2025                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Disclosure Information (Accredited Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a>                                             |
| The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Prescribed Services and Activities) (Protected Adult) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Prescribed Services and Activities) (Protected Adult) (Scotland) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 2025                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 2025</a>                                |
| The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2025                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                   |
| The A84 Trunk Road (Callander) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2025                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                   |
| The A9 Trunk Road (Brora) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                                            | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                   |
| The Regulated Roles (Prohibitions and Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Regulated Roles (Prohibitions and Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a>                                        |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and                              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                   |

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| Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 12) Order 2024                                                                                           |                                |                                                                                                                                          |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 12) Order 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                     |
| The A9 and A86 Trunk Roads (Crubenmore to Kincaig) (Side Roads) Order 2024                                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                     |
| The A9 and A86 Trunk Roads (Crubenmore to Kincaig) (Trunking) Order 2024                                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                     |
| The Bread and Flour Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Bread and Flour Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a>                                                                |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 9) Order 2024  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                     |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 12) Order 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                     |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Comrie) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 6) Order 2024                                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                     |
| The Moveable Transactions (Register of Assignations and Register of Statutory Pledges Rules) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                    | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Moveable Transactions (Register of Assignations and Register of Statutory Pledges Rules) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a> |
| The Moveable Transactions (Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Moveable Transactions (Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a>                                                            |
| The Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement) Regulations 2024                                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement) Regulations 2024</a>                                            |
| The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024</a>                  |
| The Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 8) Regulations 2024                                                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                     |

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| The Local Government Pension Scheme (Remediable Service) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2024                              | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Local Government Pension Scheme (Remediable Service) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2024</a>                         |
| The Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024                  | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024</a>             |
| The Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2024                                                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                   |
| The Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Variation) (Scotland) Order 2024                                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Variation) (Scotland) Order 2024</a>                                                  |
| The Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement) Regulations 2024                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                   |
| The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment (Amendment) Regulations 2024                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment (Amendment) Regulations 2024</a>                                |
| The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024      | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024</a> |
| The Town and Country Planning (Amendment of National Planning Framework) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Town and Country Planning (Amendment of National Planning Framework) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a>                                   |
| The M90/A90 (Finavon Bridge) (Temporary Vehicle Weight Restriction) (No. 2) Order 2024                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                   |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Inveraray) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 4) Order 2024                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                   |
| The A84/A85 Trunk Road (Callander) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                   |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 11) Order 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                   |

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| The M77/A77 Trunk Road (Girvan) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                     |
| The A82 Trunk Road (Fort William) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 2) Order 2024                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                     |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 11) Order 2024          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                     |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 8) Order 2024           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                     |
| The Electronic Monitoring (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024                                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Electronic Monitoring (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024</a>                       |
| Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules 2021 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Statutory Interveners) 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                     |
| The Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024                                                                 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024</a>                     |
| The Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a>                                  |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Speed Restrictions) Order 2024                                                                        | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                     |
| The M9/A9 Trunk Road (Brora) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2024                                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                     |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Oban) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 5) Order 2024                                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                     |
| The A977/A876 Trunk Road (Kincardine) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2024                                                                 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                     |
| The Building (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024                                                                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Building (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                          |
| The Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024                                                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a> |

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| The Dumfries and Galloway Council (Stranraer) Harbour Revision Order 2024                                                                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules 2021 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment) (Taxation of Judicial Expenses) 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2024                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>    |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Tarbert) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                                                                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The A702 Trunk Road (Hillend) (Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2024                                                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Comrie) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 5) Order 2024                                                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Ardishaig) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 2) Order 2024                                                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The Disclosure and Use of Level 2 Disclosures (Prescribed Purpose and Circumstances) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Disclosure and Use of Level 2 Disclosures (Prescribed Purpose and Circumstances) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>        |
| The Consideration of Suitability for Regulated Roles (Prescribed Purposes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Consideration of Suitability for Regulated Roles (Prescribed Purposes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                  |
| The Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Information (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Information (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                                              |
| The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Referrals by Chief Constable) (Prescribed Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                            | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Referrals by Chief Constable) (Prescribed Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a> |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Cairndow) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                                                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                         |
| The Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) (Consequential Amendment,                                                                   | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance)</a>                                                                       |

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| Revocation and Saving Provision) Regulations 2024                                           |                                | <a href="#">(Consequential Amendment, Revocation and Saving Provision) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a> |
| The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2024                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>     |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Lochgilphead) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 2) Order 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A96 Trunk Road (Keith) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Campbeltown) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The M9/A9 Trunk Road (Thurso) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024             | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A96 Trunk Road (Nairn) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Arrochar) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024             | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A87 Trunk Road (Balmacara) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024            | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A82 Trunk Road (Spean Bridge) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 2) Order 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A7 Trunk Road (Langholm) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A985 Trunk Road (Rosyth) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2024                 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A78 Trunk Road (Inverkip) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024             | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A9 Trunk Road (Brora) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A84 Trunk Road (Callander) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024            | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The A84 Trunk Road (Doune) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                             |
| The Firefighters' Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2024                   | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Firefighters' Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>   |

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| The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024                                                           | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>     |
| The Diligence against Earnings (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                                            | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Diligence against Earnings (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                      |
| The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024                                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a> |
| The A737 Trunk Road (Kilwinning) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2024                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                             |
| The M90 Trunk Road Friarton Bridge (Temporary Vehicle Weight Restriction) Order 2024                                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                             |
| The A83 Trunk Road (Lochgilphead) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                             |
| The South West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 7) Order 2024        | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                             |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 10) Order 2024       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                             |
| The North East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 10) Order 2024       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                             |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 10) Order 2024       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                             |
| The A9 Trunk Road (Tomatin to Moy) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic, Specified Turns and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) Order 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                             |

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| The A9 Trunk Road (Thurso) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2024                              | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Comrie) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) (No. 6) Order 2024                     | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The A82 Trunk Road (North Ballachulish) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) Order 2024                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The M90/A90 (Finavon Bridge) (Temporary Vehicle Weight Restriction) Order 2024                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The A85 Trunk Road (Oban) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road) (No. 4) Order 2024                                          | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The A99 Trunk Road (Wick) (Temporary Prohibition on Waiting, Loading and Unloading) Order 2024                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                              |
| The Registration of Births, Still-births, Deaths and Marriages (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Registration of Births, Still-births, Deaths and Marriages (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a> |
| The Property Factors (Registration) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                              | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Property Factors (Registration) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</a>                                                                                   |
| The Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2024                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                                         |
| The National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024         | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>         |
| The Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (West Dunbartonshire Council) Regulations 2024                                  | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (West Dunbartonshire Council) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                                  |
| The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (West Dunbartonshire Council) Designation Order 2024      | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (West Dunbartonshire Council) Designation Order 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>      |

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| The Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                                            |
| The Wildlife Management (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Wildlife Management (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                                         |
| The Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2024                        | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2024                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a> |
| The A702 Trunk Road (Carlops) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2024                                                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The A7 Trunk Road (Hawick) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2024                                                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The A68 Trunk Road (Jedburgh) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2024                                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The A702 Trunk Road (West Linton) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2024                                                                | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The A7 Trunk Road (Selkirk) (20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 2024                                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The A68 Trunk Road (Lauder) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 2024                                                                                 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The A9 Trunk Road (Killiecrankie to Glen Garry) (Trunking) Order 2024                                                                      | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The A9 Trunk Road (Killiecrankie to Glen Garry) (Side Roads) Order 2024                                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The South East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 9) Order 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |
| The North West Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 9) Order 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                        |

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| The North East Scotland Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 9) Order 2024                                                                                                                                                 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The M8 (Newhouse to Easterhouse) M73 (Maryville to Mollinsburn) M74 (Daldowie to Hamilton) A8 (Newhouse to Bargeddie) A725 (Shawhead to Whistleberry) A7071 (Bellshill) Trunk Roads (Temporary Prohibitions of Traffic and Overtaking and Temporary Speed Restrictions) (No. 3) Order 2024 | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The Town and Country Planning (Masterplan Consent Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Town and Country Planning (Masterplan Consent Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                                                                                   |
| The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 14) Regulations 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 14) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                                                                                                |
| The A68 Trunk Road (Pathhead) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Not relevant to the commitment | N/A - Does not contain a policy note                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The Town and Country Planning (Amendment of Local Development Plan) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                                                                                                                                                            | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Town and Country Planning (Amendment of Local Development Plan) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                                                                        |
| The Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Bus Registration Appeals Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2024                                                                                                                                                                                             | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Bus Registration Appeals Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                                                                         |
| The Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Bus Services Improvement Partnerships Service Standards Decisions) (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2024                                                                                                                     | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Bus Services Improvement Partnerships Service Standards Decisions) (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a> |
| The Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Not relevant to the commitment | <a href="#">The Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>                                                                                                                     |

## **UK SIs notified to Scottish Parliament since last annual report**

| <b>Title</b>                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Alignment Relevance</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>Link to supporting documents</b>                                                                                                                              |
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| The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 - AW/076                                                                                          | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">UK subordinate legislation: Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Amendment) Regulations 2025</a>                                                          |
| Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 - Renewal of Powers                                                                             | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 - Renewal of Powers</a>                                                            |
| The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2025 - DEFRA/ENV/351                                                                            | Yes, aligns with EU legislation<br><br>*At the time of laying but EU has recently legislated for a relevant change here that will be considered. | <a href="#">UK SI Persistent Organic Pollutants</a>                                                                                                              |
| The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2025 - ENV/132                                                                              | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2025</a>                                                                       |
| The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025 - DEFRA PH/057                                                                                          | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">UKSI Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (Defra PH/057)</a>                                                                        |
| The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 - (Defra/ENV/342)                                                                          | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 - (Defra/ENV/342) EU Exit Legislation - Protocol with Scottish Parliament</a> |
| The Official Controls (Plant Health) and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025 - DEFRA PH/052/R                                                   | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">The Official Controls (Plant Health) and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025 - "DEFRA PH/052/R"</a>                                |
| The Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 | Yes, aligns with EU legislation                                                                                                                  | <a href="#">UKSI Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic</a>                                                |

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|                                                                                                                           |                                        | <a href="#">Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025</a>                                                          |
| The Food and Feed (Regulated Products) (Amendment, Revocation, Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025 | No, does not align with EU legislation | <a href="#">The Food and Feed (Regulated Products) (Amendment, Revocation, Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025</a> |
| The Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025 - NID/017                                                                    | Not relevant to the commitment         | <a href="#">The Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025 - NID/017</a>                                                                    |
| The Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025                                                | Not relevant to the commitment         | <a href="#">The Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025</a>                                                |
| The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 - DEFRA OFC/023                    | Not relevant to the commitment         | <a href="#">UKSI Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2025</a>                                   |

## **EU PROPOSALS RELEVANT TO DEVOLVED COMPETENCE OR HAVING A DEVOLVED IMPACT**

To assist the Committee with its deliberations, this annex provides a list of current EU legislation or significant legislative proposals that are being monitored as of 31 August 2025, and those which have been resolved over the last reporting year (1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025).

Items which have been resolved over the reporting year and have been marked as such will be removed in future reports.

The entries included are those identified by the Scottish Government as potentially within devolved competence or having a devolved impact. The annex aims to give an understanding of the areas of EU proposals or legislation the Scottish Government is initially considering in scope, but the list of items is not exhaustive. In some cases, additional comments are provided to assist understanding of the following classifications:

### **Classification**

#### **Yes – Alignment with EU**

The Scottish Government intends to align with the measure insofar as it is possible and meaningful to do so. Implementation is being actively pursued by the relevant policy directorates or agencies.

#### **Under Consideration**

Scottish Government policy teams are actively considering the proposal but are not yet able to make a judgement on whether alignment is possible, or if such alignment will have a meaningful effect in a Scottish context.

#### **For Future Consideration**

The EU proposal has not been developed sufficiently to a point where Scottish Government can begin to actively consider alignment.

#### **No – Alignment will not be implemented**

This can be for a range of reasons such as, the matter being reserved to Westminster, the proposal being irrelevant to Scotland since the UK's departure from the EU or refers to a proposal previously monitored which has now been withdrawn by the EU.

| Title/Directorate                                                                                                                            | Proposal Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Current Alignment Consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p><b>Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD): Revision</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i></p>                  | <p>The EU adopted the recast Directive in April 2024. The Directive includes provisions requiring member states to implement measures to achieve a highly energy efficient, zero-emission building stock by 2050. These include requirements for new buildings to be zero emissions from 2030, the introduction of new energy performance requirements for existing domestic and non-domestic buildings, and reform of Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs)</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>The EPBD has now been recast again in April 2024 and includes measures to help ensure consistent high quality EPC assessments and encourage energy efficiency improvements. Measures in the EPBD which relate to EPCs include increased reliability, quality and digitalisation of EPCs to maintain high quality EPCs. The recast EPBD also introduces the need for enhanced independent verification of energy assessments, including through on-site audits. The EPBD also calls for digital data collection and sharing; to improve knowledge on the building stock and awareness on energy consumption in buildings</p> <p>EPC reform will enable the Scottish Government to maintain broad alignment with the main provisions and outcomes of the EPBD in relation to EPCs.</p> |
| <p><b>Tourism Services (Short-Term Accommodation Rental): Proposal for Regulation</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i></p> | <p>The Commission announced its intention to present a possible initiative on STRs, with a view to promoting the balanced and responsible development of the collaborative economy across the Single Market, in full respect of public interests.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Yes</p> <p>In summary, the EU registration scheme operates in a broadly similar way to our own licensing scheme making for a similar standard. Key difference being the amount of personal information asked is higher in our scheme.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>Net-Zero Industry Act: Commission Initiative</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                     | <p>The Net-Zero Industry Act was first announced in the Commission's Communication regarding a Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age, published on 1 February 2023, aiming to provide a supportive environment for scaling up EU manufacturing capacity for the net-zero technologies and products required to meet EU's ambitious climate targets.</p>                                                                                                        | <p>Yes for alignment.</p> <p>This directive broadly aligns with the Scottish Governments Green Industrial Strategy.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>EU Disability and Parking Cards: Directive</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>                                              | <p>The Commission seeks to build a Union of Equality promoting the rights of persons with disabilities, particularly in regards to protecting the freedom of movement in the EU.</p> <p>As part of this process, the Commission proposes a European Disability Card and Parking Card to ensure the mutual recognition of disability status across all EU Member States and to allow people with disabilities to enjoy the same rights of movement as other citizens.</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>This directive falls under the Equality Act 2010, which is reserved to the UK Government. Nevertheless, in Scotland we are committed to ensuring that the policies that we create within the Scottish Government follow the social model of disability, where the overarching aim is to dismantle barriers to ensure that disabled people flourish within society.</p> |
| <b>e-Privacy: Proposal for Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Digital</i>                                                 | <p>The e-Privacy Directive complements the current Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC revised by the General Data Protection Regulation which sets out general principles with regard to the processing of personal data, in order to ensure the free flow of information on one hand and the rights and freedoms of natural persons on the other hand.</p>                                                                                                              | <p>No</p> <p>N/A - Reserved.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Digital euro in non-Eurozone Member States: Proposal for a Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i> | <p>The proposal for a Regulation is part of the Single Currency Package, supplementing the proposal for a Regulation establishing the digital euro and the proposal for a Regulation on the legal tender of euro banknotes and coins, to ensure that payment service providers (PSPs) can provide digital euro to natural and legal persons based in Member States in countries that do not use the euro.</p>                                                            | <p>No</p> <p>N/A – Reserved.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Decarbonised Gas Market: Directive</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                               | <p>The revised Directive establishes new rules for the transport, supply, storage and the transition of the natural gas system to a system based on renewable and low-carbon gases, including hydrogen.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>No</p> <p>N/A - Reserved.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <b>Environmental Economic Accounts: Amendment II</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i> | <p>The proposal aims to amend the Regulation on European environmental economic accounts No 691/2011 to ensure that the current statistical framework, assessing the economy's impact on the environment and vice-versa, is updated to reflect the new wave of EU environmental strategies under the European Green Deal initiative.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>No</p> <p>The Scottish Government does not produce any environmental accounts. Instead, the UK's Office for National Statistics (ONS) produces a set of Natural Capital Accounts for the UK and within that publishes data for Scotland.</p> |
| <b>Detergents Regulation: General Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>       | <p>The Commission's proposal aims at revising or recasting the Detergents Regulation, in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal, the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability and the recently adopted Commission Communication on the long-term competitiveness of the EU.</p> <p>The measure simplifies the current rules to better protect health and the environment and ensure the better functioning of the Single Market for detergents. In addition, it covers new innovative products like detergents containing micro-organisms and introduces digital labelling and a product passport for detergents and surfactants.</p> | <p>No</p> <p>N/A - Reserved</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Maritime Accident Investigation: Revision</b><br><br><i>Marine Directorate</i>                           | <p>The Commission's proposal would amend Directive 2009/18/EC to improve the protection of fishing vessels, their crews and the environment, and strengthen the ability of Accident Investigation Bodies (AIBs) to investigate and report on accidents, including those involving renewable and low-carbon fuels and technologies.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>No</p> <p>N/A - Reserved.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Ship-Source Pollution: Revision</b><br><br><i>Marine Directorate</i>                                     | <p>The Directive amends the title of Directive 2005/35/EC to 'Directive 2005/35/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the enforcement of international standards on pollution from ships and on the introduction of administrative penalties for pollution offences.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>No</p> <p>N/A - Reserved.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>Port State Control: Revision</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>                                                                | The Commission's proposal revising the Port State Control Directive aims to align EU legislation with new international mandatory procedures/rules and include the protection of fishing vessels, their crews and the environment. The proposal would also help ensure a better uptake of digital solutions and an efficient and harmonised approach for undertaking port State control inspections. | No<br><br>N/A - Reserved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Flag States Requirements: Revision</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>                                                          | The Commission's proposal for a Directive would revise the Flag States Requirements Directive aims to improve maritime safety through an updated and harmonised system of compliance for flag State control. In addition, the proposal would improve the environmental performance of flagged ships and rebalance responsibilities towards flag States.                                              | No<br><br>N/A - Reserved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Non-Road Mobile Machinery: Road Safety Requirements</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>                                         | The proposal for a Regulation on the requirements for the road circulation of mobile machinery aims to harmonise the safety requirements for mobile machinery occasionally travelling on the road.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No<br><br>Construction product regulation (CPR) is a reserved matter for the UK government and Scotland follows the rules and guidance put in place across the UK. Currently, there is alignment with the EU CPR to maintain a consistent regulatory regime for products on the market in the UK and to support long-standing trading relationships. The continuing alignment avoids any issues around friction affecting trade. |
| <b>Methodology for Share of Biofuels and Biogas in Transport from Co-Processing: Delegated Act</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i> | The Delegated Regulation lays down a methodology to determine the share of biofuel and biogas for transport resulting from biomass being processed with fossil fuels in a common process (co-processing), as required by Article 28(5) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 (Renewable Energy Directive).                                                                                                     | N/A - Reserved.<br><br>SG's position is that we support biofuels to be used for HDVs, maritime or agricultural vehicles in the short term. Longer term (post 2035), we have set out that biomass should be directed towards aviation and synthetic fuel production with CCS.                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Biofuels are currently supported through the UKG's RTFO, the recipients of which already must demonstrate that a proportion of the fuel supplied comes from renewables and sustainable sources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Organic Production (Authorisation of Products and Substances)</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i> | <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1165 authorises certain products and substances for use in organic production and establishes their lists.</p> <p>The measure repeals Commission Regulation (EC) No 889/2008, which lays down specific rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production, labelling and control in respect of products.</p> | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>The development of policy on organics production has been consistent to date between Defra and the devolved administrations. Given the agreement through the TCA for continued equivalence, it has not been deemed necessary to amend the current GB regulations to ensure compliance or exact alignment with the EU regulations. Current points of divergence are technical in nature and do not present barriers to trade. However, given the recent announcement on the forthcoming SPS Agreement between the EU and the UK, the current expectation is that, subject to the negotiation process, the UK will regulate consistently with the EU in matters of organic production. It is therefore anticipated that any existing points of divergence from the EU will continue to be temporary.</p> |
| <b>Soil Monitoring Law: Proposal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                                 | The Soil Monitoring Law addresses transboundary impacts of soil degradation, secure equal market conditions and promote policy coherence at both EU and national levels in order to deliver on its objectives regarding climate change, biodiversity, food security and water protection. It aims to deliver healthy soils by 2050.                                                                 | Under consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Fertilising Products: Digital Labelling</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                       | Through this Regulation, the Commission aims at ensuring a high level of protection for human health and the environment and the well-functioning of the internal market as the previous legislation but also at improving the readability of labels and facilitating their management by economic operators.                                                                                       | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>The Scottish Government has been working together with the other governments of the UK, in accordance with the Fertilisers provisional common framework, to review the existing UK</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Animal Welfare Legislation Revision: Transport of Animals</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i> | The proposal would contain several changes to the existing animal welfare framework and replace Council Directive 98/58/EC. These changes would address the areas of animal welfare at-farm, in-transport, and at the point of killing and possibly introduce an animal welfare labelling system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Under consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>EU Plant Health Law: Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                             | Regulation (EU) 2024/3115 amends Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 as regards multiannual survey programmes, notifications concerning the presence of regulated non-quarantine pests, temporary derogations from import prohibitions and special import requirements and establishment of procedures for granting them, temporary import requirements for high-risk plants, plant products and other objects, the establishment of procedures for the listing of high-risk plants, the content of phytosanitary certificates and the use of plant passports, and as regards certain reporting requirements for demarcated areas and surveys of pests and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as regards certain notifications of non-compliance. | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>The changes made by Regulation (EU) 2024/3115 are largely to internal EU requirements relating to the management of plant health threats and should not impact trade between GB-NI or GB-EU. The Regulation does not change the EU's plant health policy but rather aims to improve the operational application of the existing policy between the Commission and Member States. The Scottish Government is considering the implications of this regulation and will monitor developments to the EU plant health regime made through implementing regulations under it.</p> |
| <b>Media Freedom Act: Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Culture and Major Events</i>                                  | By way of this proposal for a Regulation, the Commission aims to establish a new set of rules to protect media pluralism and independence in the EU.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Under consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>European Cyber Resilience Act: Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Digital</i>                                       | By way of this proposal for a Regulation, the Commission aims to introduce a legal framework to ensure the cybersecurity of digital products throughout their entire lifecycle to combat the rise in cyberattacks over the last few years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>The Scottish Government supports the development of the UK Cyber Security and Resilience Bill as it seeks to enhance the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                                                                                                                                        | <p>The measure would also amend Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020, which establishes rules and procedures for economic operators and establishes a system for their cooperation with supervisory authorities in order to improve the functioning of the free movement of goods through the strengthening market surveillance of products covered by EU harmonisation legislation.</p>                    | <p>standards and regulatory scope created by the UK Product Security and Telecommunications Act (PSTI) 2022. The PSTI has similar core aims to the EU Cyber Resilience Act, that of raising the baseline of cyber security in digital products. We will continue to monitor developments within the EU Cyber Resilience Act to assess any potential impact on Scotland.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Ecodesign for Sustainable Products: Products Priority (Communication)</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i></p> | <p>The ESPR proposal would repeal the Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC and would introduce requirements not only for energy efficiency but also for circularity and reduction of the environmental footprint of products. Hence, the Regulation would extend the scope of the current Ecodesign Directive, which applies to energy-related products only, to cover a broader range of physical products.</p> | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>With regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/1781 eco-design and sustainable products (ESPR), our current consultation on a draft Circular Economy for Scotland (<a href="https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781806432141">https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781806432141</a>) recognises the importance of this regulation and highlights our intention to work with other nations in the UK to explore how data developments at EU level might be applied in Scotland, including digital product passports under the ESPR. The draft strategy also recognises that from July 2026, the ESPR will introduce a direct ban on the destruction of textiles and footwear by manufacturers, importers and distributors. We will seek alignment with the EU where it makes sense to do so, including developing a producer responsibility approach to textiles and measures to address the disposal of unsold consumer goods.</p> |

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| <p><b>Construction Products Regulation (Revision): Proposal for a Regulation</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i></p> | <p>The Regulation would establish the harmonised rules for the making available on the market and direct installation of construction products, regardless of whether undertaken in the framework of a service or not, by establishing: (a) rules on how to express the environmental, including climate, and safety performance of construction products in relation to their essential characteristics; (b) environmental, including climate, functional and safety product requirements for construction products.</p> | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Construction products regulation (CPR) is reserved to the UK Government, therefore, Scotland follows the rules and guidance put in place across the UK. Currently, there is alignment with the EU CPR to maintain a consistent regulatory regime for products on the market in the UK and to support long-standing trading relationships. The continuing alignment avoids any issues around friction affecting trade.</p> <p>The guidance in Section 0 of the Scottish Building Standards Technical Handbooks, under Building (Scotland) Regulation 2004, regulation 8 'Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship', currently includes reference to the European Regulation 305/2011/EU for construction products. Once UK Government has updated its building regulations guidance in relation to CPR for the UK, Scottish Government will amend guidance to reflect this. Officials in Scottish Government will liaise with UK Government officials to ensure alignment of guidance.</p> |
| <p><b>GreenData4All: Initiative</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i></p>                                              | <p>The Commission's proposal 'GreenData4All' would revise Directive 2007/2/EC establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE) and Directive 2003/4/EC on public access to environmental information.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Under consideration</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>F-Gases: Functioning Rules F-Gas Portal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>         | Regulation (EU) 2024/573 (F-gases Regulation) includes updated: (i) rules on the containment, use, recovery, recycling, reclamation and destruction of fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases), and on related ancillary measures; (ii) conditions related to the production, import, export, placing on the market, subsequent supply and use of F-gases as well as specific products and equipment that contain or whose functioning relies upon them; (iii) conditions on specific uses of F-gases; (iv) quantitative limits for the placing on the market of hydrofluorocarbons; and (v) reporting rules. | Under consideration<br><br>The EU is still discussing and developing the scope for the F-gases policy, so Scottish Government might end up developing this policy without a clear understanding of the EU ambition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive: Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i> | Council Directive 91/271/EEC (the UWWTD) creates the legal framework for the collection and treatment of wastewater in urban areas. It concerns the collection, treatment and discharge of urban wastewater and the treatment and discharge of wastewater from certain industrial sectors. The objective of the Directive is to protect the environment from the adverse effects of the above-mentioned wastewater discharges.                                                                                                                                                                               | Under consideration<br><br>The Scottish Government continues to investigate alignment of Scottish policy and law with the large and complex EU Directive and its consequences, which is still evolving. We are monitoring, as observers in several European Water Industry groups, the emerging response of Member States to uncertainties in subsequent Implementing and Delegated Acts.<br><br>The existing statute book in Scotland is made up for numerous pieces of primary and secondary legislation, some predating Scotland joining the EU and some made using power previously available under the European Communities Act 1972. Alignment will be a significant legislative exercise and will not be possible before the Scottish Parliamentary elections. |
| <b>Energy Taxation Directive: Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>             | The Commission published a proposal to revise the Directive 2003/96/EC (Energy Taxation Directive) as part of its Fit for 55 package which aims to align key climate and energy files with a raised 2030 greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 55% for the EU.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Under consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Energy Efficiency Directive: Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                         | The resulting Directive sets out the EU's 2030 energy efficiency target, consisting of: (i) a binding collective limit in final energy consumption of 763 million tonnes of oil equivalent (translated into a reduction in the EU-wide final energy consumption of at least 11,7% compared to the 2020 reference scenario); and (ii) an indicative collective limit in primary energy consumption of 992,5 million tonnes of oil equivalent. National contributions to this EU-wide target on energy efficiency, as well as trajectories towards meeting the national contributions, will not be binding. | Under consideration<br><br>Significant parts of this directive fall out with the devolved powers of Scottish Parliament. Scottish Government will however consider alignment for parts of the directive that fall within devolved competency. |
| <b>TEN-E Regulation: Review</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                                      | The TEN-E Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2022/869) sets out guidelines for the development and modernisation of priority areas in the trans-European energy infrastructure with a view to contribute to the EU's 2030 climate and energy targets and the longer term objective to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Under consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Drinking Water Directive (Procedure Amending EU Positive List): Delegated Act</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i> | Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/369 establishes a procedure for adding, renewing, and deleting an entry to or from the EU Positive List. In particular, the measure lays down a procedure, including information requirements, on the application process for inclusion in or removal from the European Positive Lists of starting substances, compositions or constituents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Under consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Drinking Water Directive (Conformity Assessment Procedure): Delegated Act</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>     | Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/370 establishes an appropriate conformity assessment procedure for products based on the modules in Annex II to Decision No 768/2008/EC on a common framework for the marketing of products and the designation of conformity assessment bodies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Under consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Electricity Market Reform: Commission Proposal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                | This proposal resulted in two different legislative acts, namely: (i) a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/943 (Electricity Market Regulation) and Regulation (EU) 2019/942 (ACER Regulation); and (ii) a Directive amending Directive (EU) 2019/944 (Electricity Market Directive) and Directive (EU) 2018/2001 (Renewable Energy Directive).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Under consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <p><b>Ambient Air Quality: Revision</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i></p>       | <p>The proposal for a Directive on Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe would amend Directives 2008/50/EC and 2004/107/EC (Ambient Air Quality Directives; AAQDs).</p> <p>Specifically, the proposal aims to improve the AAQDs in four key areas,</p> <p>The first issue is that EU air quality standards are still not in line with WHO recommendations. The second concerns national air quality plans, mandated by the AAQDs, which are insufficient to prevent dangerous levels of emissions of air pollutants within Member States. The third area is the disparity between various Member States' accuracy in reporting and modelling air quality levels. Lastly, the proposal aims to markedly improve the AAQDs by harmonising how Member States present their air quality data to the public, as well the justice and compensation natural and legal persons may seek for Member States' poor implementation of the AAQDs.</p> | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Scottish Government are currently in the process of developing proposals for a long-term air quality policy framework, which will succeed the Scottish Government's current air quality strategy Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 which is due to expire at the end of 2026. As part of this, we will be considering the provisions set out in Regulation (EU) 2024/2881. Developing the framework is still at an early stage, and further details will be made public as work progresses.</p>                 |
| <p><b>Environmental Criminal Law: Revision</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i></p> | <p>Directive (EU) 2024/1203 supports the protection of the environment through criminal law and replaces the 2008 Environmental Crime Directive. The Directive includes a comprehensive up-to-date list of conducts to be established as criminal offences. Compared to the 2008 Directive, several new offence categories have been introduced, including serious breaches of EU chemicals and mercury legislation. In addition, the Directive introduces a requirement for qualified offences in cases where particularly serious damage to and destruction of the environment is caused by committing one of the offences listed in the Directive. These qualified criminal offences can encompass conduct comparable to 'ecocide' as understood in established international definitions.</p>                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>In response to Monica Lennon MSP Member's Bill, the Scottish Government's memorandum set out support for the proposal to introduce an offence of ecocide, properly understood as being for the most extreme, wilful and reckless cases of harm. The memorandum also set out that the proposals in the Bill can be seen as related to provisions in the revised EU Environmental Crime Directive, although the proposed offence in the Bill is somewhat different from the approach in the Directive.</p> |

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| <b>WEEE Directive: Targeted Amendment</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                                              | <p>The Commission's proposal would amend Article 12, paragraphs 1, 3 and 4, Article 13(1) and Article 15(2) of the Directive 2019/12/EU (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive; WEEE) laying down rules on waste from electrical and electronic equipment throughout the EU.</p> <p>It would rectify that producers of photovoltaic panels for either private households or other users have to bear the waste management costs only if the photovoltaic panels were placed on the market from 13 August 2012.</p>                                                           | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for WEEE is being taken forward in collaboration with the other nations of the UK and we are implementing policy on a four-nation basis.</p> |
| <b>Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (Essential Requirements): Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>      | <p>The three core objectives of the proposal would be to: reduce the current production of packaging waste; promote cost-effective circular economy principles across the industry; and increase the use of recycled materials in packaging.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging is being taken forward with the other nations of the UK.</p>                                                                   |
| <b>Microplastics in the Environment</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                                                | <p>The document outlines the Commission's strategy to address the environmental and economic challenges posed by plastics throughout the value chain. It contains key commitments for action at EU level by the Commission and a list of measures recommended to national authorities and industry.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Under consideration</p>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>REACH Annex XVII (Group Restriction): Flame Retardants</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                          | <p>ECHA would prepare an Annex XV dossier (restriction proposal) restricting the placing on the market in articles as well as the consumer, professional and industrial uses of various types of flame retardants, including brominated ones.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Considering this class of chemicals in work programme of equivalent assimilated law.</p>                                                                                            |
| <b>Biocidal Regulation (Delegated Regulation): Nitrogen Generated from Ambient Air</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i> | <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1290 of 29 February 2024 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include nitrogen generated from ambient air as an active substance in Annex I thereto entered into force on 26 May 2024.</p> <p>According to the measure, nitrogen generated from ambient air would be included as an active substance in Annex I of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, in Category 2 of the List of active substances referred to in Article 25(a) and would be accompanied by specific restriction on its use.</p> | <p>Under consideration</p>                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>Industrial Emissions Directive: Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                    | <p>The proposal aims at building on the work done by the IED Directive which covered some 50,000 large industrial installations and intensive livestock farms in Europe that needed to comply with emissions conditions set out in the 'Best Available Techniques'.</p>                        | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>The Scottish Government continue to consider this directive as it relates to industrial emissions, and will work with partners across Scotland and the UK to ensure alignment where possible and practical.</p> <p>Some aspects of IED2 are already routinely undertaken in Scotland, particularly in relation to environmental monitoring and odour. The Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 will bring further powers to SEPA which will bring other areas into alignment with IED2. We continue to analyse other aspects with a view to maximising positive outcomes for the environment in Scotland</p> |
| <b>REACH Annex XVII (Restriction): PFAS in Fire-Fighting Foams</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i> | <p>Based on the ECHA Opinion (the compilation of the opinions of RAC and SEAC), the Commission has proposed a draft amendment to restrict the use of PFAS in Firefighting foams under Annex XVII to the REACH Regulation, but this amendment has not yet been formally adopted.</p>            | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Similar proposal under the equivalent assimilated law (UK REACH) published August 2025, subject to a 6-month commenting period.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Nature Restoration Law: Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                          | <p>Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 provides for legally binding EU nature restoration targets to restore degraded ecosystems, in particular those that could contribute most to the capture and storage of carbon as well as to the prevention and reduction of the impact of natural disasters.</p> | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Given the international context Scotland and the set of nature targets that the EU have developed, we have a good degree of confidence that the policies developed will have good strategic alignment. In terms of specific analysis around alignment of indicators and values attached to them, we will have a much better idea of this once the indicators and values of Scottish statutory nature restoration targets are agreed.</p> <p>Scottish Government will continue to consider alignment with EU Nature Restoration Law whilst we develop Scotland's own Biodiversity Delivery Network.</p>                                     |

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| <b>Nature Restoration Law (Pollinator Populations Monitoring): Delegated Act</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i> | <p>The draft Delegated Regulation would supplement Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 on nature restoration by establishing and updating a science-based method for monitoring pollinator diversity and pollinator populations.</p> <p>The draft measure seeks to enhance pollinator diversity and reverse the decline in pollinator populations by 2030. Following this, it aims to achieve a continuous increase in pollinator populations, assessed at least every six years starting from 2030, until satisfactory levels are reached.</p> | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Given the international context Scotland and the set of nature targets that the EU have developed, we have a good degree of confidence that the policies developed will have good strategic alignment. In terms of specific analysis around alignment of indicators and values attached to them, we will have a much better idea of this once the indicators and values of Scottish statutory nature restoration targets are agreed.</p> <p>Scottish Government will continue to consider alignment with EU Nature Restoration Law whilst we develop Scotland's own Biodiversity Delivery Network.</p> |
| <b>Tobacco Excise Directive: Expected Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i>                                       | <p>Commission proposal revising Council Directive 2011/64/EU on the structure and rates of excise duty applied to manufactured tobacco.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>A full assessment will be carried out once revised Directive is agreed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>EMA Fee System: Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i>                                                          | <p>The Commission's proposal for Regulation seeks to update the regulatory framework for fees payable to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in relation to medicinal products for human use and veterinary medicinal products, whilst streamlining a number of legislative acts.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Under consideration</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>European Health Data Space: Initiative</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i>                                            | <p>The initiative focuses on promoting health data exchange across the EU and supporting health research, particularly on new preventative strategies but also on treatments, medicines, medical devices and outcomes, and tackling barriers to the cross-border division of digital health services and products.</p> | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>The Scottish Government is considering the Regulation in the context of Scotland's own Data Strategy for Health and Social Care. A core aim of our approach in Scotland is to create the right governance environment for data and digital transformation by developing consistent standards, guidance, and assurance approaches across health and social care. This focus on standardisation, interoperability, and alignment with international best practice directly supports Scotland's ability to remain compatible with the principles underpinning the EHDS. This includes exploring alignment with European and international standards where this supports interoperability, public trust, and opportunities for collaboration with international partners. At this stage, the Scottish Government has not taken a formal decision on alignment with the Regulation, but will continue to assess its implications for Scotland.</p> |
| <b>EU Pharmaceutical Revision: Union Code for Human Medicinal Products (Directive)</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i>   | <p>Directive 2001/83/EC aims to regulate the placing on the market, production, labelling, classification, distribution and advertising of medicinal products for human use. It applies to all medicinal products for human use with some exceptions.</p>                                                              | <p>Under consideration</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>EU Pharmaceutical Revision: Authorisation and Supervision Procedures (Regulation)</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i> | <p>The proposed Regulation would seek to streamline the objectives of the Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe in order to make it future-proof and innovation-friendly.</p>                                                                                                                                             | <p>Under consideration</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <p><b>Blood, Tissues and Cells Legislation</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Population Health</i></p>      | <p>Regulation (EU) 2024/1938 of the European Parliament and of the Council revising the EU's Blood, Tissues, and Cells legislation (BTC) establishes more harmonised measures for the Member States and organisations involved in the collection, testing, processing, distribution, and application of substances of human origin (SoHOs), from donors to patients.</p> <p>The overall objective of the Regulation, which contains 87 Articles, is to ensure a high level of health protection and ensure access to safe and effective BTC.</p> <p>Notably, the Regulation makes the framework more effectively implemented, future-proof, crisis-resistant and agile to accommodate new developments while continuing to provide appropriate safety and quality requirements.</p> <p>Specifically, the proposal for the Regulation revises and repeals the Blood Directive (2002/98/EC) and the Tissues and Cells Directive (2004/23/EC).</p> | <p>Under consideration</p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2024/1938 - Standards of quality and safety for substances of human origin intended for human application – will apply from 7 August 2027. Since its adoption, the Scottish Government has been working with the other UK Governments and the other devolved administrations to consider our approach to the Regulation and the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health provided a detailed update on the approach in her letter of 15 November 2024 to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is coordinating views from relevant stakeholders, including the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, the Human Tissue Authority, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs, and the Joint UK Blood Transfusion and Tissue Transplantation Professional Advisory Committee. DHSC also intends to progress a targeted consultation on the Regulation. Taking into account the outcomes of these consultations, the Scottish Government will continue work to formulate its response ahead of 7 August 2027.</p> |
| <p><b>Social Security Coordination: Modernisation</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Social Security</i></p> | <p>The proposal for a Regulation aims to modernise the EU's framework on social security coordination by facilitating the exercise of citizens' rights while ensuring legal clarity, a fair and equitable distribution of the financial burden among the Member States, as well as administrative simplicity and enforceability of the rules.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Under consideration</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>Alternative Dispute Resolution (Revision): Proposal for a Directive</b><br><br><i>Justice</i>                                         | The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Directive provides common quality and fairness criteria for out-of-court dispute mechanisms in the EU in order to facilitate amicable settlements for low-value disputes. On the other hand, the Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Regulation sets up a free-of-charge, multilingual EU-wide ODR platform, managed by the Commission, for consumers to resolve disputes with traders about online purchases without going to court. | Under consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Victims' Rights Directive: Revision</b><br><br><i>Justice</i>                                                                         | The Commission's proposal aims to improve victims' access to information, support and justice as well as multi-agency cooperation strengthening victims' rights across the EU.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Under consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Protection from Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation: Commission Initiative</b><br><br><i>Justice</i>                      | The proposal provides safeguards against manifestly unfounded or abusive court proceedings in civil matters with cross-border implications brought against natural and legal persons, in particular journalists and human rights defenders, on account of their engagement in public participation.                                                                                                                                                                        | Under consideration<br><br>Scottish Government has committed to publishing a consultation this autumn on the issue of strategic lawsuits against public participation, which will include discussion of the Scottish Government adopting the EU Directive.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Anti-Trafficking Directive</b><br><br><i>Justice</i>                                                                                  | Directive (EU) 2024/1712 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 amending Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Under consideration<br><br>Elements that fall fully or partly within devolved powers of Scottish Parliament are being reviewed. Where alignment will advance standards in Scotland, we will ensure that we address evolving trends in the area of trafficking. We continue to review our approach within the context of our recently refreshed Scottish Human Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy and accompanying delivery plan, as well as national guidance currently being drafted on the support provisions for victims of trafficking in Scotland |
| <b>Reinforced Quality Framework for Traineeships: Council Recommendation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Advanced Learning and Science</i> | The Commission's proposal would aim to update the Council Recommendation 2014/C 88/01 and potentially include a legislative proposal to address issues surrounding fair remuneration and access to social protection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>Plant Protection Products: Bee Principles</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                                   | <p>European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) Guidance amends Commission Regulation (EU) No 546/2011 as regards bees principles for evaluation and authorisation of plant protection products.</p> <p>The measure investigates the risk to honey bees that are exposed to plant protection products (PPPs) in agricultural areas.</p>                                                                                                                                    | For future consideration |
| <b>Plant Protein Production Strategy</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                                           | <p>The expected Plant Protein Production Strategy would outline ways to increase the EU's production capacity and reduce the EU's dependence on plant-based protein imports to improve food security.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | For future consideration |
| <b>Data Requirements for Pesticides Authorisations: Review of Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>    | <p>The revision of the Communication would streamline the EU's legislative framework on plant protection products (PPPs) following the entry into application of the criteria for the identification of the endocrine disrupting properties of active substances used in pesticides under Annex II to the Plants Protection Products Regulation on 20 October 2018.</p>                                                                                             | For future consideration |
| <b>Data Requirements for Pesticides Active Substances: Review of Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i> | <p>The Commission would update the Commission Communication listing the test methods and guidance documents relevant to the implementation of the Commission Regulation (EU) No 283/2013 setting out data requirements for the approval of active substances used in plant protection products in accordance with the Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 (Plant Protection Products Regulation).</p>                                                                         | For future consideration |
| <b>Novel Genomic Techniques: Proposal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                                          | <p>The EU proposal aims to establish a regulatory framework for plants, food and feed produced by novel (or new) genomic techniques (NGTs). NGTs are techniques that can alter the genetic material of an organism, such as targeted mutagenesis and cisgenesis. Organisms produced by NGTs are currently regulated as GMOs under EU GMO legislation. The EU proposal would remove organisms created by NGTs from the GMO regime and regulate them differently.</p> | For future consideration |

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| <b>Animal Health Law: Evaluation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                               | <p>The evaluation is required by Article 282 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 (the 'Animal Health Law'). This article stipulates that the Commission must carry out an evaluation of the Regulation together with the delegated acts referred to in Article 264 and present the results to the European Parliament and the Council no later than 22 April 2026. The evaluation is to be submitted in the form of a Report.</p>                                  | For future consideration |
| <b>Sustainable Food Systems: Proposal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                          | <p>The expected proposal would define 'sustainable food system' as a common basis, composed of general objectives, definitions, principles and requirements for ensuring that sustainability considerations are taken into account in the production and the placing in the EU market of food.</p> <p>The expected measure would also define the aims, requirements and responsibilities of all the actors in the said food system, including farmers.</p> | For future consideration |
| <b>Simplification of CAP: Omnibus Proposal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                     | <p>The Commission is expected to present an Omnibus proposal to reduce complexity and administrative burden for farmers and national administrations in light of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | For future consideration |
| <b>Review of Poultry Marketing Standards: Delegated Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i> | <p>The Commission is expected to adopt a Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards marketing standards for poultry, and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 543/2008.</p> <p>In particular, it would aim to modernise current poultry marketing standards and align them with the requirements of the Lisbon Treaty.</p>                                     | For future consideration |

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| <b>Common Agricultural Policy: Post-2027</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                                   | <p>The future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) will integrate with the Multiannual Financial Framework's (MFF) delivery mechanisms, aligning with National and Regional Partnership Funds.</p> <p>The proposal outlines rules to: i) provide targeted income support for farmers; ii) enhance the profession's appeal and generational renewal; iii) strengthen the farming and forest sector's role in climate action, ecosystems, and natural resource conservation; iv) improve resilience and crisis management; v) accelerate innovation and digital transition in agriculture; and vi) promote rural development.</p> | For future consideration |
| <b>Plant Reproductive Material: Proposal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                                   | <p>The Commission's proposal for a Regulation aims to revise the existing legislation on the production and marketing of plant reproductive material.</p> <p>By establishing rules concerning the production, distribution and conditions of cultivation of plant reproductive material, this proposal aims at facilitating the technical progress in PRM production and plant breeding while ensuring plant reproductive material of high quality and diversity of choice, adapted to current and future projected climatic conditions.</p>                                                                                | For future consideration |
| <b>Unfair Trading Practices (Food Supply Chain): Proposal for a Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i> | <p>The proposed measure seeks to equip enforcement authorities, under Directive (EU) 2019/633, with the necessary tools to collect information, identify infringements, and impose and enforce fines and other penalties on buyers based in another Member State.</p> <p>The Commission noted that the proposed Regulation does not interfere with the ongoing evaluation of Directive (EU) 2019/633 and does not prejudice the outcome of that evaluation.</p>                                                                                                                                                             | For future consideration |
| <b>Multimodal Digital Mobility Services: Legislative Proposal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Digital</i>                                    | <p>The expected proposal would implement Action 37 of the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy to address market challenges hampering the development of multimodal digital mobility services.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | For future consideration |

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| <b>Digital Services Act (Data Access for Research): Delegated Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Digital</i> | <p>The purpose of the expected Delegated Regulation is to specify the technical conditions under which such very large online platforms (VLOPs) or very large online search engines (VLOSEs) are to share data, as well as the purposes for which the data may be used.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>For future consideration</p> |
| <b>AI Liability: Proposal for Directive</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Digital</i>                                  | <p>The Commission's proposal for a Directive on adapting non-contractual civil liability rules to artificial intelligence (AI Liability Directive), presented on 28 September 2022, aims to improve the functioning of the internal market by laying down uniform requirements for certain aspects of non-contractual civil liability for damage caused with the involvement of AI systems in order to make it easier for victims of AI-related damage to receive compensation.</p> <p>More specifically, the proposed Directive strives to ensure that victims benefit from the same standards of protection when harmed by AI products or services, as they would if harm was caused under any other circumstances.</p> | <p>For future consideration</p> |
| <b>Specifying GDPR Enforcement: Proposal for Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Digital</i>                  | <p>The Commission's proposal for a Regulation further specifies the procedural rules relating to the enforcement of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (the General Data Protection Regulation or GDPR) by harmonising certain aspects of the administrative procedure in order to streamline cooperation between national data protection authorities when enforcing the GDPR in cross-border cases.</p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2016/679 sets out harmonised EU-wide rules on data protection and privacy and aims to enhance individuals' control and rights over their personal data and simplify the regulatory environment for businesses.</p>                                                                                     | <p>For future consideration</p> |

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| <p><b>Digitalisation and Common Specifications: Proposal for a Regulation</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i></p> | <p>The proposal on this dossier is part of a broader legislative package on the simplification of rules and reduction of bureaucracy, which includes the (i) proposal for a Directive as regards digitalisation and common specifications; (ii) proposal for a Directive as regards the extension of certain mitigating measures available for small and medium sized enterprises to small mid-cap enterprises and further simplifying measures; (iii) proposal for a Regulation as regards the extension of certain mitigating measures available for small and medium sized enterprises to small mid-cap enterprises and further simplifying measures; and the (iv) proposal for a Regulation as regards obligations of economic operators concerning battery due diligence policies.</p> | <p>For future consideration</p> |
| <p><b>Digital Finance: Financial Data Access Regulation</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i></p>                   | <p>The expected proposal would help the financial services sector have better financial products, better targeted advice, improved access for consumers and greater efficiency in business-to-business transactions.</p> <p>The measure was announced in the Digital Finance Strategy presented by the Commission on 24 September 2020.</p> <p>The Digital Finance Strategy sets out strategic objectives for digital finance in Europe, and four priorities and related actions that the Commission intends to take to enable consumers and businesses to enjoy the benefits of digital finance while also mitigating risks.</p>                                                                                                                                                           | <p>For future consideration</p> |
| <p><b>Mitigating Measures for Enterprises: Directive</b></p> <p><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i></p>                      | <p>This proposal is part of a package of measures aimed at cutting red tape for small mid-caps (SMCs) by extending to them certain provisions that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) currently benefit from. Its purpose is to deliver on the Commission's commitment to i) make business easier and reduce administrative burden, and ii) extend proportionality in EU law to SMCs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>For future consideration</p> |

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| <b>Mitigating Measures for Enterprises: Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i>                                                  | <p>This proposal is part of a package of measures aimed at cutting red tape for small mid-caps (SMCs) by extending to them certain provisions that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) currently benefit from. Its purpose is to deliver on the Commission's commitment to i) make business easier and reduce administrative burden, and ii) extend proportionality in EU law to SMCs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>For future consideration</p> |
| <b>Investment Simplification: Second Omnibus Package</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i>                                                | <p>The legal basis of the proposal lies in Articles 172 ,173, 175(3), 182(1), 188(2), 183, and 194 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.</p> <p>The objective of the omnibus will be to simplify investment laws in the EU to boost investment as well as to rationalise reporting.</p> <p>The initiative was included in the 2025 Programme of Work of the European Commission.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>For future consideration</p> |
| <b>Intellectual Property (Framework for Compulsory Licensing of Patents): Proposal for a Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i> | <p>The Commission outlined in its Intellectual Property Action Plan that its intended objective is to lay out an intellectual property framework both protecting innovation and IP rights, as well as not blocking companies' access to IP and to the single market. In fact, several policy initiatives are indeed concerned by IP, such as the European Health Union, the European Health Emergency Response Authority (HERA), or the European Chips Act.</p> <p>In particular, the Commission aims to recalibrate EU patent law in order to support the digital and green transition, as well as facilitate access to critical technologies. Moreover, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have also ushered the Commission to put in place effective systems for issuing compulsory licences.</p> <p>Furthermore, the IP Action Plan indicated that the Commission would be exploring the possibility of creating an emergency coordination mechanism, to be triggered at short notice by the Member States themselves.</p> | <p>For future consideration</p> |

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| <b>Construction Products Regulation (Fire Performance of Façades): EU Standardisation Request</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i> | As part of the preliminary draft 2025 AUWP for European standardisation, the Commission laid down its intention to present a draft Commission Implementing Decision requesting EU standardisation organisations to specify methods for determining the performance of façades to external fire exposure.                                                                                           | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>New Cars and Vans Emissions: Life-Cycle Emissions</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i>                                          | The expected Delegated Act would lay down a common Union methodology for the assessment and the consistent data reporting of the full life-cycle CO2 emissions of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                    | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Critical Raw Materials: Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i>                                                         | The proposal includes a comprehensive set of actions to ensure the EU's access to a secure, diversified affordable and sustainable supply of critical raw materials. Together with the proposed reform of the electricity market design and the Net-Zero Industry Act, the proposal aims to strengthen the competitiveness of European industries, as announced in the Green Deal Industrial Plan. | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Environmental Implementation Review: Fourth Cycle</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                     | The Commission is expected to present a Communication summarising the political conclusions of its fourth Environmental Implementation Review (EIR) cycle.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Heat Pumps Action Plan: Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                                 | Communication would aim to facilitate the use of efficient heat pumps in buildings, industry and local heat networks, for the purpose of contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the achievement of the European Green Deal and the REPowerEU Plan objectives.                                                                                                               | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Harmonised Efficiency Reference Values for Cogeneration: Review</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                       | The Delegated Regulation updates the harmonised efficiency reference values laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2402 for the separate production of electricity and heat in cogeneration units.                                                                                                                                                                                 | For future consideration<br><br>Efficiency of CHP plants that supply heat networks will be regulated via the GB Heat Network Technical Assurance Scheme (HNTAS). HNTAS specifications are still being developed and will be finalised subject to pilot and consultation taking place late 2024-2025. |

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| <b>Drinking Water Directive (Water Leakage): Delegated Act</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i> | The delegated act would be based on Directive (EU) 2020/2184 revised the Drinking Water Directive with a view to improving access to quality water in the EU, ensure a higher quality of drinking water for small supplies as well as adapt monitoring and analysis provisions to scientific and technical progress.                                                                                               | For future consideration                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Bathing Water: Review</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                   | The expected Commission initiative would review the Bathing Water Directive (Directive 2006/7/EC). It would focus on the parameters for bathing water quality, including whether it would be appropriate to phase out the "sufficient" classification or modify the applicable standards.                                                                                                                          | For future consideration                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Surface and Groundwater Pollutants: Proposal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>             | The proposal for a Directive on integrated water management would amend Directive 2000/60/EC, the Water Framework Directive (WFD), Directive 2006/118/EC, the Groundwater Directive (GWD) and Directive 2008/105/EC, the Environmental Quality Standards Directive (EQSD). Amongst others, it would review the lists of pollutants affecting surface and groundwaters, and the corresponding regulatory standards. | For future consideration                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sewage Sludge Directive: Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                       | The expected initiative would amend Directive 86/278/EEC on sewage sludge (a by-product of wastewater treatment also known as biosolids) use in agriculture.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | For future consideration                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Drinking Water Directive: Review of Annexes I and II</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>    | The first review of Annexes I and II regarding the minimum requirements for parametric values used to assess the quality of water intended for human consumption and monitoring in light of scientific and technical progress is expected to be submitted in 2025.                                                                                                                                                 | For future consideration                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Renewable Energy Directive: Amendment</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                   | The Directive increases the EU's overall renewable energy target for 2030 to a binding 42,5% share of renewable energy in final energy consumption, which is complemented with an indicative 2,5% top-up that would increase it to a 45% share of energy from renewable sources in gross final consumption of energy by 2030. In addition, it sets out specific targets for the use of renewable energy in         | For future consideration<br><br>Replaces the case on Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Energy Performance of Buildings Directives: Amendment |

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| <b>8th Environmental Action Programme: Evaluation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                   | <p>The evaluation would assess the relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency and EU added value of the Decision in achieving the six priority objectives by the end of 2030.</p> <p>Based on the results of the evaluation, the Commission may decide to present a legislative proposal setting the next EU environmental action programme.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | For future consideration |
| <b>Hydrogen Technologies and Components: EU Standardisation Request</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i> | <p>The Annual Work Programme for European standardisation lays down the Commission's intentions to use standardisation in support of new or existing legislation and policies, and to mandate the development of new standardisation deliverables to the European Standardisation Organisations (CEN, CENELEC and ETSI).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | For future consideration |
| <b>REPowerEU: Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                            | <p>The Commission proposal for a Regulation aiming to phase out Russian energy imports and amend specific provisions of Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 (Gas Storage Regulation) primarily aims to prohibit the signing of new contracts for gas imports after 17 June 2025, effective from 1 January 2026. It also seeks to implement a ban on remaining imports based on existing short-term contracts by 17 June 2026, and by the end of 2027 for those existing under long-term contracts.</p> <p>Additionally, the proposal would urge Member States to prepare National Diversification Plans by 1 March 2026, while ensuring access to existing LNG storage facilities.</p> | For future consideration |
| <b>CountEmissions EU: EU Framework</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                  | <p>The Commission's proposal aims to implement rules enabling entities to measure the greenhouse gas emissions of freight or passenger transport services on a quasi-voluntary basis. Calculations will have to follow the methodology of standard EN ISO 14083:2023. In particular, the proposal establishes that the output data will consist of the total mass of carbon dioxide equivalent, and proposes</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | For future consideration |

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| <b>Security of Gas Supply Risk Groups Update (2025): Delegated Act</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                     | Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 (Gas Storage Regulation) as amended aims to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to safeguard an uninterrupted supply of gas throughout the EU, particularly in order to protect customers in the event of difficult climatic conditions or gas supply disruptions. The Regulation takes a risk-based approach in assessing security of supply by establishing preventive and mitigating measures, which seek to enable the coordination of efforts.                                                                                                                                                                                  | For future consideration |
| <b>Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: Simplification</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                  | <p>The Commission presented its proposal for a Directive amending Directives 2006/43/EC, 2013/34/EU, (EU) 2022/2464, and (EU) 2024/1760 regarding certain corporate sustainability reporting and due diligence requirements, as part of the first omnibus simplification package.</p> <p>The Simplification of CBAM Regulation is part of a broader legislative package on the simplification of sustainability rules, which includes the proposal for a Directive as regards the dates from which Member States are to apply certain corporate sustainability reporting and due diligence requirements, and proposed amendments to Taxonomy Delegated Regulations.</p> | For future consideration |
| <b>Carbon Removals Certification: Methodology for Certifying Permanent Carbon Removals</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i> | <p>Regulation (EU) 2024/3012 establishes an EU-wide voluntary framework for the certification of permanent carbon removals, carbon farming, carbon storage in products and soil emission reductions. It requires the relevant activities to provide for net benefits related to carbon removals or soil emission reduction according to a specific formula and accompanying rules for each activity.</p> <p>Moreover, it aims at ensuring that carbon removals are</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | For future consideration |

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| <b>Waste Framework Directive: Average Loss Rates</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                           | According to Art. 11a(10) of the Directive 2008/98/EC ("Waste Framework Directive") as amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851, the Commission is required to adopt a delegated act establishing rules for the calculation, verification and reporting of the weight of materials removed after a sorting operation and not subsequently recycled, based on average loss rates (ALRs). | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment: Shipments of WEEE</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>            | The Commission awarded a service contract for an external study in support of the preparation of a possible delegated act laying down the criteria for the assessment of equivalent conditions for the treatment of WEEE outside the EU.                                                                                                                                          | For future Consideration<br><br>Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for WEEE is being taken forward in collaboration with the other nations of the UK and we are implementing policy on a four-nation basis                                                          |
| <b>REACH Annex XVII (Restriction): PFHxA and Its Salts</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                     | The restriction would ban the manufacture, use or placing on the market of the targeted substances as substances on their own.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Textile Labelling Regulation: Sustainability &amp; Circularity Criteria</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i> | The Commission presented the EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles, which aims to advance the EU transition to a sustainable and circular textile industry, reduce the sectors' impact on climate change and pollution, improve product durability and address social injustice.                                                                                      | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>New Regulatory Framework for Batteries: Regulation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                      | Directive 2006/66/EC (EU Battery Directive) aims to minimise the negative impact of batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators. It ensures the smooth functioning of the internal market by harmonising requirements as regards the placing on the market of batteries and accumulators.                                                                     | For future consideration<br><br>No change as yet – Batteries producer responsibility regulations are a four-nation approach. The Scottish Government is committed to reform of this system, however no public commitments regarding timeline for review have been made. |
| <b>Management of Construction and Demolition Waste</b>                                                                                | The possible initiative would aim to improve the management of CDW in accordance with the EU hierarchy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                                                                               | of waste management (i.e. giving first preference to prevention, followed by reuse, material recycling, energy extraction and finally disposal).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Biocidal Products Regulation (Approval): C-12-16-ADBAC/BKC PT 2</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i> | Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/235 approves Alkyl (C12-16) dimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride (ADBAC/BKC (C12-C16)) as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 2. Product-type 2 covers disinfectants and algaecides not intended for direct application to humans or animals.                                                                                                     | For future consideration<br><br>The deadlines for all active substance reviews in this part of the GB BPR (which mirrors the same bit of EU BPR) have been pushed back to 31 Jan 2027, such cases are pending until those reviews are completed. |
| <b>INSPIRE Directive: Reporting Requirements</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                       | The proposal for a Council Decision aims at reducing Member States' administrative burden and aligns the reporting frequency with the frequency of reporting under Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138 on High Value Datasets.<br><br>Directive 2007/2/EC creates a legal framework for the establishment and operation of the Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE).          | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>PPWR: Labelling of Waste Receptacles (Implementing Acts)</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>        | Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste (PPWR) requires Member States to ensure that waste receptacles bear a label enabling the separate collection of each material specific fraction of packaging waste.<br><br>The expected acts would support the PPWR by establishing harmonised labels and specifications for the labelling requirements and formats for the labelling of the receptacles. | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>Forest Reproductive Material: Proposal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i> | <p>The subject of the proposed Regulation was originally expected to be treated under the proposal for the Revision of plant reproductive material (PRM) and forest reproductive material (FRM) legislation. However, the Commission decided to publish two different proposals to cover reproductive material, one on forests and the other on plants.</p> <p>By establishing rules concerning the production and distribution of forest reproductive material, this proposal aims at ensuring a level playing field for operators across the EU while supporting innovation and competitiveness of the EU forest reproductive material industry and contributing to addressing sustainability, biodiversity and climate-related challenges.</p> | For future consideration |
| <b>Waste Framework Directive: Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>    | <p>The Commission's proposal would revise the Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC (WFD) as regards food and textile waste. This initiative notably aims at accelerating the development of the separate collection, sorting, reuse and recycling sector for textile, in line with the EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textile. It also lays down food waste reduction targets to be reached by Member States by 2030.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | For future consideration |
| <b>Substantiation of Green Claims</b>                                                                | <p>The Commission's proposal for a Directive on substantiation and communication of explicit environmental claims (Green Claims Directive) was presented on 22 March 2023.</p> <p>The initiative proposed common criteria against greenwashing and misleading environmental claims. The Commission's press release noted that a study found that 53.3% of examined environmental claims in the EU were vague, misleading or unfounded and that 40% of them were unsubstantiated.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | For future consideration |

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|                                                                                                                                                                             | Hence, the proposal would oblige companies to respect minimum requirements when substantiating and communicating green claims. The proposal targets explicit claims and also aims at tackling the proliferation of new public and private environmental labels. Claims already covered by EU laws would be excluded from the scope of the Directive.                                                                                                                 |                          |
| <b>Batteries and Waste Batteries (Delegated Act): Carbon Footprint Methodologies for Electric Vehicles Batteries</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i> | <p>Draft Delegated Regulation would establish the methodology for the calculation and verification of the carbon footprint of electric vehicle batteries.</p> <p>The draft measure suggested calculating the carbon footprint as the amount of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emitted during the life cycle stages of the battery that are within the system boundary, divided by the total amount of energy provided by the battery over the battery's service life.</p> | For future consideration |
| <b>Re-Use and Flow of Chemical Data: Horizontal Proposal</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                                                         | The proposed Regulation (COM(2023) 779), in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal, the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, would establish a common data platform on chemicals, laying down rules to ensure that the data contained in it are findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable and establishing a monitoring and outlook framework for chemicals.                                                                                   | For future consideration |
| <b>Tobacco Products Directive: Expected Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i>                                                                         | Commission proposal revising Council Directive 2011/64/EU on the structure and rates of excise duty applied to manufactured tobacco.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | For future consideration |
| <b>Framework for Screening Foreign Direct Investments: Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for International Trade and Investment</i>                                        | <p>The revision of the FDI Screening Regulation, in order to strengthen its functioning and effectiveness, was announced in the 2023 Commission Work Programme (CWP).</p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2019/452 puts in place a comprehensive framework for the screening of FDI within the EU on the grounds of security or public order. For this purpose, it establishes: (a) a framework for Member States' screening,</p>                                                 | For future consideration |

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| <b>Enabling Factors for Successful Digital Education: Proposal for Council Recommendation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Learning</i> | Council Recommendation (C/2024/1115) outlines the key enabling factors for universal access to high-quality, inclusive, and accessible digital education and training.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| <b>Hygiene for Frozen Fishery Products: Amendment</b><br><br><i>Food Standards Scotland</i>                                          | Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 establishes specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin. The draft Delegated Regulation concerns specific hygiene rules for emergency slaughter of domestic ungulates, for tuna frozen in brine, and for highly refined products.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | For future consideration |
| <b>Combatting Child Sexual Abuse Online: Proposal for Regulation</b><br><br><i>Justice</i>                                           | The Commission aims to establish a clear and harmonised legal framework on preventing and combating online child sexual abuse and establish a decentralised agency to prevent and counter child sexual abuse (EU Centre on Child Sexual Abuse).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | For future consideration |
| <b>Combating Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation of Children and Child Sexual Abuse Material (Recast)</b><br><br><i>Justice</i>     | <p>The proposed Directive was initially presented in February 2024, and it was accompanied by the Regulatory Scrutiny Board opinion, a Subsidiarity grid, the Impact assessment and its executive summary.</p> <p>The Commission's proposal would revise and amend Directive 2011/93/EU on child sexual abuse, exploitation and sexual abuse material both online and offline, by expanding the definitions of offences, introducing higher penalties and more specific requirements for prevention and assistance of victims.</p> <p>Furthermore, the proposed Directive would be complementary to the proposed Regulation defining obligations for internet companies to detect, report and remove child sexual abuse material on their services.</p> | For future consideration |
| <b>Insolvency Laws: Proposal for a Directive</b><br><br><i>Justice</i>                                                               | In September 2020, the Commission presented its Capital Markets Union (CMU) Action Plan, announcing its intention to propose an initiative that would introduce minimum harmonisation or increased convergence in targeted areas of non-bank insolvency law, in order to make the outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | For future consideration |

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| <b>Anti-Corruption Directive: Commission Initiative</b><br><br><i>Justice</i>                                           | <p>The Commission presented its proposal for a Directive, updating the EU's legal framework on combating corruption on 3 May 2023.</p> <p>The proposal aims to set minimum rules on defining sanctions and criminal offences concerning corruption.</p> <p>The proposed Directive would also establish laws on how national authorities are equipped to investigate these crimes, cooperation with other competent authorities, along with data collection and reporting.</p> | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Audiovisual Media Services Directive: Expected Evaluation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Culture and Major Events</i> | Directive 2018/1808 updated Directive 2010/13/EU on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the provision of audiovisual media services (Audiovisual Media Services Directive) in view of changing market realities.                                                                                                                                                                         | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Cross-Border Enforcement in Road Safety: Revision</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>                               | The proposal was presented as part of a 'Road Safety Package' together with the proposal on the execution of driving disqualifications with an EU-wide effect and the proposal revising the Driving Licences Directive.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>For future consideration</p> <p>This is a mix of reserved and devolved, with administration of enforcement mainly devolved. There would need to be further consideration on EU alignment as the enforcement requires the sharing of information which would require more analysis on data protection and vehicle registration which are reserved matters.</p> |
| <b>Air Passenger Rights: Revision</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>                                                  | The proposed Regulation would amend Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 on air passenger rights as well as Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 on air carrier liability in the event of accidents                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Motor Vehicle Noise Limits: Possible Proposal</b>                                                                    | The possible legislative proposal would amend EU rules on amending the administrative and technical requirements for                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | For future consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <i>Transport Scotland</i>                                                                        | the EU type-approval of all new vehicles of categories M1, M2, M3, N1, N2 and N3, with regard to their sound level, and of replacement silencing systems and components thereof.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
| <b>Revised Clean Vehicle Directive: Revision</b><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>                    | Directive (EU) 2019/1161 amending the Directive 2009/33/EC (known as the Clean Vehicles Directive) sets the minimum procurement targets at national level for clean light-duty vehicles (cars and vans) and heavy-duty vehicles (trucks and buses), with two different reference periods, one ending in 2025 and the other in 2030.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | For future consideration |
| <b>Passenger Rights Regulations: Revision</b><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>                       | <p>The Commission's proposal aims to strengthen the enforcement mechanisms of passenger rights for passengers travelling by air, rail, ship or bus, as well as introducing rules for air passengers who booked their flights via an intermediary, including on reimbursement.</p> <p>In particular, the proposal amends Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 on air passenger rights, Regulation (EC) No 1107/2006 on the rights of those with disabilities and with reduced mobility (PRM) when travelling by air, Regulation (EU) No 1177/2010 on the rights of passengers travelling by sea and inland waterway, Regulation (EU) No 181/2011 on the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport and Regulation (EU) 2021/782 setting out requirements on rail passengers' rights and obligations, to fill certain gaps and solve shortcomings in implementation and enforcement of these Regulations.</p> | For future consideration |
| <b>Motorcycle Safety and Environmental Standards: Cybersecurity</b><br><i>Transport Scotland</i> | The Delegated Regulation amends the existing technical requirements and test procedures for L-category (two- and three-wheeled) vehicles, as established in Delegated Regulation (EU) 44/2014 to take into account UN Regulation No 155 on cybersecurity and cybersecurity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | For future consideration |

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|                                                                                               | management systems, which was recently extended in scope to cover L-category vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |
| <b>End-of-Life Vehicles &amp; 3R Type-Approval: Revision</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i> | <p>The expected Directive would revise Directive 2000/53/EC on End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs) and Directive 2005/64/EC on the type-approval of motor vehicles with regard to their reusability, recyclability (3R Type-Approval Directive).</p> <p>The objective of the revision would be to increase the contribution of the automotive sector to the circular economy while also providing further legal clarity to economic operators and administrations, compared to the current situation which relies on a fragmented approach.</p>                                                                                                            | For future consideration |
| <b>Vehicle Registration Documents: Revision</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>              | <p>This measure was presented alongside another proposal amending Directive 2014/45/EU on periodic roadworthiness testing for motor vehicles, and Directive 2014/27/EU on technical roadside inspections for commercial vehicles. The overall revised package aims to reduce vehicle emissions, tackle fraud affecting cross-border vehicle sales, improve the safety of vehicles and align testing with new technologies.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | For future consideration |
| <b>Eurovignette: Zero-Emissions HDVs Amendment</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>           | <p>The Eurovignette Directive establishes the current EU rules for road charging. Member States wishing to introduce road charging schemes (such as tolls or vignettes) must ensure that they comply with the requirements established by Eurovignette.</p> <p>Announced as part of the Automotive Sector Industrial Action Plan, this initiative responds to concerns by stakeholders regarding the slow uptake of zero-emissions heavy duty vehicles. This measure would reduce the operational costs of zero-emission HDVs from 2026 onwards, further incentivising individual drivers and logistics companies to switch to clean vehicles.</p> | For future consideration |

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| <b>Harmonised River Information Services: Revision</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>                | Directive 2005/44/EC, also known as the Harmonised River Information Services Directive, outlines a framework for the use and deployment of harmonised river information services (RIS) within the EU. The Directive aims to improve the efficiency, safety, sustainability and multimodality of the inland waterways sector. | For future consideration                            |
| <b>Protection Status of the Wolf: Directive</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i> | <i>'The Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee may wish to seek a view from the SG on Directive (EU) 2025/1237 which amends the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) as regards the protection status of the wolf'</i>                                                                                          | Not currently relevant to the alignment commitment. |

## Dormant/shelved EU proposals since last annual report

### Dormant

No recent developments have been received regarding the EU proposal but will continue to be monitored by the Scottish Government should this change.

### Shelved

No further developments are expected on this EU proposal and the Scottish Government will not be giving any alignment considerations unless this situation changes.

| Title/Directorate                                                                                                                  | Proposal Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Previous Alignment Consideration/Proposal Status        |
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| <b>Fertilisers Regulation: Phosphonates in Plant Biostimulants</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>     | The upcoming initiative would amend Regulation (EU) 2019/1009, the EU Fertilising Products Regulation (FPR), to allow the use of phosphonates in plant biostimulants.<br><br>During the procedure for the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009, an amendment was proposed by the Council to ban intentionally added phosphonates in all EU fertiliser products, but also to limit the content of unintentionally added phosphonates. These provisions were based on the known fact that phosphonates have no nutritional value. | Under consideration<br><br>Case marked as dormant.      |
| <b>Sustainable Use of Pesticides: Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                         | The proposal for a Regulation would lay down rules on the sustainable use of plant protection products and amend Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Under consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved.      |
| <b>Strengthening Consumer Trust in Organics: Transparency on Fraud</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i> | The expected measure would inform consumers and/or recall from the market products where fraud is identified in order to strengthen the fight against fraudulent practices in organics.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as dormant. |

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| <b>Consumer Protection Cooperation (Amendment): Non-Compliant Business Practices Across Borders</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i>      | The expected legislative proposal is likely to introduce targeted changes to the Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 (Consumer Protection Cooperation Regulation) to enable consumer law enforcers cooperating under the CPC Regulation to react more rapidly to fast-evolving market threats, particularly in the digital sphere, and to increase the deterrence and cost-effectiveness of cross-border enforcement cooperation, thereby addressing non-compliant business practices across borders. | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved.   |
| <b>New Passengers Cars and Light Commercial Vehicle Emissions (E-Fuels Only Vehicles): Delegated Act</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i> | The expected Commission Delegated Regulation is the result of significant pressure from a coalition of Member States led by Germany to secure a future for e-fuels for light-duty vehicles, ahead of the formal adoption by the Council of Regulation (EU) 2023/851 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/631 on CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles.                                                                                   | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved. . |
| <b>Retrofit Emissions Control: Certification Scheme</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i>                                                  | The possible measure would lay down harmonised measures for the type approval of retrofit emission control (REC) systems in passenger cars and light commercial vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as dormant.   |
| <b>L-category Vehicles Safety (Advanced Braking Systems): Possible Initiative</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i>                        | The possible measure would amend Regulation (EU) No 168/2013 to establish the mandatory fitting of an anti-lock brake system and a supplemental combined brake system to L-category motorcycles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as dormant.   |
| <b>Worn Tyre Testing: Possible Initiative</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i>                                                            | The possible legislative proposal would lay down the testing protocol for the safety and environmental performance assessment of a tyre at the end of its life in its worn condition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved.   |
| <b>Tyres Performance Standards</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i>                                                                       | The measure would set environmental, energy and safety performance standards of tyres.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved.   |

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| <b>Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive: COD Amendment</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                       | Directive 91/271/EEC (the UWWTD) creates the legal framework for the collection and treatment of waste water in urban areas. It concerns the collection, treatment and discharge of urban waste water and the treatment and discharge of waste water from certain industrial sectors. The objective of the Directive is to protect the environment from the adverse effects of the abovementioned waste water discharges. | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved.                                                                              |
| <b>Fuel Quality Directive: Possible Amendment</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                                 | The possible proposal would aim improve the provisions of Directive 98/70/EC, and in particular to better reflect the linkage of the Fuel Quality Directive with Directive (EU) 2018/2001 (Renewable Energy Directive).                                                                                                                                                                                                   | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved.                                                                              |
| <b>Combination Effects of Chemicals: Water Legislation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                        | The Commission announced in its Chemicals Strategy its intention to introduce and reinforce the relevant water legislation to ensure the protection of the environment from the combination effects of chemicals.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved.                                                                              |
| <b>Single Use Plastic Packaging, Tableware and Cutlery: Reusable Alternatives in Food Services</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i> | The expected initiative, which is required under the new Circular Economy Action Plan, would aim to increase the sustainability of food distribution and consumption by substituting single-use packaging, tableware and cutlery by reusable products in food services.                                                                                                                                                   | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved.                                                                              |
| <b>EU Pollutant Release and Transfer Register: Guidance Document Revision</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                      | Regulation (EC) 166/2006 replaces the European Pollutant Emission Register (EPER) from 2009 and establishes an integrated Pollutant Release and Transfer Register at EU level (E-PRTR). The E-PRTR is a publicly accessible electronic database. It contains information on releases of certain pollutants to air, land and water and releases of pollutants from diffuse sources.                                        | Under consideration<br><br>Case marked as dormant.                                                                                   |
| <b>Separate Collection and Labelling of Waste: EU Harmonised Model</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                             | The expected initiative, which is required under the new Circular Economy Action Plan, would assess the most effective combinations of separate collection models, the density and accessibility of separate collection points, including in public spaces, taking account of regional and local conditions ranging from urban to outermost regions.                                                                      | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved.<br><br>Replaced by PPWR: Labelling of Waste Receptacles (Implementing Acts). |
| <b>Waste Framework Directive: Waste Oil Regeneration Targets</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Environment and Forestry</i>                                   | The measure is expected to establish regeneration targets for waste oils across the EU to promote more sustainable treatment methods of waste oils.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as dormant.                                                                              |

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| <b>Medical Devices (Annex IV) Regulation: Expected Delegated Act</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i>            | Regulation (EU) 2017/745 sets out high quality and safety standards for medical devices aiming to achieve a high level of health protection for patients and users, by introducing the following key elements: supervision of notified bodies, conformity assessment procedures, clinical investigations and clinical evaluation, vigilance and market surveillance, and provisions ensuring transparency and traceability of medical devices. | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as dormant. |
| <b>Digital Health and Care: Access and Cross-Border Exchange of Health Data</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i> | The possible initiative would focus on improving EU citizens' secure access to and exchange of health data across the EU.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as shelved. |
| <b>Organic School Schemes: Commission Initiative</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i>                            | The expected Commission initiative would encourage a healthy diet and sustain the consumption of organic products through school schemes, following a study on the real price of food and the role of taxation as announced in the Organic Farming Action Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as dormant. |
| <b>ITS Specifications: Continuity of Traffic and Freight Management ITS Services</b><br><br><i>Transport Scotland</i>          | The Commission may come forward with a measure on the specifications and standards for the continuity of traffic and freight management services, in particular with regard to the trans-European transport network.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | For future consideration<br><br>Case marked as dormant. |

## Non-Legislative

| Title/Directorate                                                                                                                                          | Proposal Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Alignment Consideration         |
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| <b>Mainstreaming Gender Equality: Council Conclusions</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights</i>                               | <p>The expected Council Conclusions (which are not legally binding) are expected to emphasise and outline possible measures that could be taken at the local, national, and European levels, ensuring that gendered perspectives are properly used to inform, design, and implement policy.</p>                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Under consideration</p>      |
| <b>Commission Initiative: Learning Mobility</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Advanced Learning and Science</i>                                                | <p>The Commission initiative is part of its 'Talent Mobility Package' which includes a Recommendation on the recognition of third-country nationals' qualifications, a Communication on maximising the potential of talent mobility, as well as a proposal to create an EU Talent Pool.</p>                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>For future consideration</p> |
| <b>Improving Digital Skills in Education and Training: Proposal for Council Recommendation</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Advanced Learning and Science</i> | <p>The Recommendation was first announced as Action 10 of the Commission's Digital Education Action Plan, which was presented in September 2020. It was then reiterated in the 2021 Commission Letter of Intent and once again in the 2022 Commission Work Programme. It was presented as a package on 18 April 2023 together with the proposal for a Council Recommendation on the key enabling factors for successful digital education and training.</p> | <p>For future consideration</p> |
| <b>EU Carbon Farming Initiative: Staff Working Document</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                                    | <p>The Communication EU 'Save Energy' sets out a two-pronged approach to achieve: (i) immediate energy savings through voluntary choices, and (ii) a structural reduction of energy consumption through mid-to-long-term energy efficiency measures.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>For future consideration</p> |
| <b>Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas: Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                                         | <p>The mandate to design the vision stems from President Von der Leyen's political guidelines that underline the important role of rural areas in the identity and economic potential of the EU. Therefore, the long-term vision addresses all the aspects that would help ensure the future of the rural areas</p>                                                                                                                                         | <p>For future consideration</p> |
| <b>Fertilisers Shortage: Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Economy</i>                                                     | <p>The Commission's Communication on ensuring the availability and affordability of fertilisers was presented on 9 November 2022, accompanied by a fact sheet and a Q&amp;A.</p> <p>This Commission Communication on fertilisers was triggered in light of the shortage caused by the trade disruption since the start of the war in Ukraine and the high price of fertilisers due to rising energy costs.</p>                                              | <p>For future consideration</p> |

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| <b>Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (State Aid): Possible Commission Initiative</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i> | The Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee (ACCC) called on the EU to take the necessary legislative, regulatory and other measures to ensure public access to administrative or judicial procedures to challenge decisions on state aid measures taken by the Commission which contravene EU law relating to the environment.                                       | For future consideration |
| <b>Package Travel Directive: Commission Initiative</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Economic Development</i>                                        | Commission initiative on revising Directive (EU) 2015/2302 revising the current rules on package travel and package holidays.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | For future consideration |
| <b>European Climate Pact: Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                              | The European Climate Pact is a platform aimed to inform, inspire and foster cooperation between people and organisations ranging from national, regional and local authorities to businesses, unions, civil society organisations, education organisations, consumer groups, research and innovation organisations, as well as individual citizens, including youth. | For future consideration |
| <b>EU Save Energy: Commission Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                          | The Communication EU 'Save Energy' sets out a two-pronged approach to achieve: (i) immediate energy savings through voluntary choices, and (ii) a structural reduction of energy consumption through mid-to-long-term energy efficiency measures.                                                                                                                    | For future consideration |
| <b>REPowerEU Plan: Commission Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                          | The Communication on the REPowerEU Plan and subsequent package serves as a detailed follow-up to the REPowerEU Communication (8 March 2022), which outlined a strategy to reduce and ultimately eliminate fossil fuel imports into the EU from Russia. In addition, it also sets out further measures in response to high energy costs.                              | For future consideration |
| <b>Strategic Energy Technology Plan Revision: Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                          | The Communication revising the Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan modifies its objectives, governance model and implementation working groups, with the aim to increase the Plan's contribution to the climate and energy goals of the EU and specifically to accelerate the clean energy transition while increasing the competitiveness of the EU.             | For future consideration |
| <b>European Hydrogen Bank: Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                                             | The Communication on the European Hydrogen Bank provides a description of an instrument to be implemented by the Commission, with the aim of unlocking private investment in the development of the renewable hydrogen market by covering (and eventually lowering) the cost gap between fossil fuels and renewable hydrogen alternatives.                           | For future consideration |
| <b>Bio-based and Biodegradable or Compostable Plastics: Policy Framework</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>             | The Communication, which is required by the new Circular Economy Action Plan, addresses the sourcing, labelling and use of bio-based plastics and biodegradable or compostable plastics.                                                                                                                                                                             | For future consideration |

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| <b>Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age: Commission Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i> | <p>On 11 December 2019, the Commission presented its European Green Deal, outlining a series of goals for making Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050. As such, the European Climate Law enshrines in binding legislation the EU's commitment to climate neutrality and the intermediate target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels.</p> | For future consideration |
| <b>Strong and Sustainable Algae Sector: Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Energy and Climate Change</i>                        | <p>The Commission Communication on blue bioeconomy - towards a strong and sustainable EU algae sector seeks to address the under-exploitation of expertise in the EU algae and blue bioeconomy sectors as well as the diverging standards imposed on imports of algae into the EU.</p>                                                                                                                       | For future consideration |
| <b>Transformation of Health and Social Care: European Care Strategy</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i>                   | <p>The Commission Communication outlines a new Strategy to improve care delivery in the EU taking into account the lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic as well as other challenges such as the EU's ageing population and health systems' resilience.</p>                                                                                                                                              | For future consideration |
| <b>EU Global Health Strategy: Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i>                                           | <p>The strategy was published parallel to the EU's State of Health Preparedness Report, which highlighted the progress made in the fields of preparedness and response since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing in particular on medical countermeasures and building on the lessons learned during the pandemic.</p>                                                                              | For future consideration |
| <b>Comprehensive Approach to Mental Health: Communication</b><br><br><i>Directorate for Health Workforce</i>                             | <p>President von der Leyen announced a new initiative on mental health. Prior to this, at the Conference on the Future of Europe in May 2022, European citizens highlighted mental health as a major concern. Both the European Parliament and the Council have also echoed these concerns and called for action in this area.</p>                                                                           | For future consideration |

## **SCOTLAND'S ALIGNMENT PRIORITIES FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION 2025-26**

### **Introduction**

Scotland is a proud European nation which remains committed to the values and standards it shares with the EU. The policy of alignment aims to protect and advance the high standards we share with the European Union, standards which support the wellbeing of the people of Scotland.

The EU Alignment policy is a cornerstone of the Scottish Government's commitment to join the European Union as an independent nation. Continued alignment between Scotland and the EU has the potential to support Scotland's sustainable economic growth, whilst our internationalist approach bolsters Scotland's reputation as a cooperative and progressive nation in which to do business, study and live.

The Scottish Government believes that a strong and united Europe is fundamental to the continuation of peace, the rule of law, and social and economic prosperity. We will continue to grow relationships with our fellow Europeans in the areas highlighted in this report and beyond.

### **Scotland, Alignment and the European Union**

This report provides a strategic appraisal of the Scottish Government's commitment to align with the EU following the 2024-25 reporting year, and highlights Scotland's current policy priorities in light of the EU-UK Leaders' Summit held in May this year. Following the UK referendum result to leave the EU in 2016, and the subsequent Withdrawal Agreement and Trade and Cooperation Agreement reached by the UK Government, Scotland has had a principled strategy of maintaining alignment with our EU partners.

The Scottish Government believes that the best future for Scotland is as an independent country and member state of the European Union. In the meantime, we have pursued a policy of alignment with EU regulations and standards where it has been meaningful and possible to do so under the limitations that exist in the devolved powers of the Scottish Parliament. This supports:

- high regulatory standards;
- potential for market access and improved trading conditions;
- international credibility; and
- Scotland's future re-accession to the EU.

Our annual reporting, and the independent research commissioned by the Scottish Parliament, has shown that this policy has been effective in maintaining Scotland's broad alignment with the European Union, with active choices taken to maintain or advance the high standards where it is possible for Scotland to do so.

This year's report reflects a period of transition for the EU – with a new political focus on competitiveness and streamlining legislation. Last year's European Parliament

elections and the subsequent formation of the new European Commission and political blocs in the European Parliament have resulted in a reduced number of new legislative proposals. As a result, our alignment reporting in annexes A-C, tracking the alignment consideration the Scottish Government has made throughout the reporting period, is smaller than its previous iteration.

## **EU-UK Strategic Partnership**

At the Leaders' Summit held in London on 19 May 2025, the UK Government and EU set out a new Strategic Partnership which would act as a pathway to improved UK-EU relations and closer policy and regulatory alignment. The 'Common Understanding' text agreed included commitments in a number of priority areas that the Scottish Government has put forward consistently and published its position on – including agri-food trade, energy and climate, EU programmes, and opportunities for young people. Dynamic alignment with EU law reflects Scotland's broad policy position, and features in multiple parts of the Common Understanding text announced at the summit. Commitments to dynamic alignment underpinned key areas of the May 2025 agreement, and precisely how this will be taken forward will be part of the forthcoming negotiations with the EU.

The EU-UK Summit and negotiations arising from the Strategic Partnership offer an opportunity to make a mitigate some of the economic and social damage caused by Brexit with mutual benefit to citizens, communities, and businesses – across Scotland, the UK and the EU. While we welcome any closer cooperation with the EU, any future agreement will only unpick a small part of the immense damage that Brexit continues to inflict on our economy and our living standards.

Consistency in the Scottish Government's approach to the alignment policy has allowed, within our devolved competence, to limit the deregulatory impact of Brexit, whilst urging the UK Government to address concerns about Brexit divergence generating barriers to trade and lowering the long-standing high standards we have shared with the EU. The Scottish Government stands ready to work collaboratively with the UK Government and wider partners to rebuild a closer relationship with the EU.

## **Net Zero, Climate Change and Energy**

Scotland supports a just transition to net zero in a way that allows prosperity and opportunity for the people of Scotland. Scotland has ambitious decarbonisation targets and our approach aligns in strategy and ambition with the EU. Both the EU and Scotland have taken significant action on decarbonisation and are now working through the sectors that are harder to abate, with opportunities for shared learning.

Closer energy and climate cooperation has long been an important issue for the Scottish Government. We have a strong interest to promote electricity trading integration with EU Markets in order to maximise Scotland's renewable energy potential and export ambitions to the EU. The Scottish Government paper on [closer energy and climate cooperation with the EU](#) highlights our priorities in realising Scotland's potential for citizens, industries and jobs for local communities.

The Scottish Government is making significant investments in green hydrogen and offshore wind, recognising these technologies as central to achieving its net-zero ambitions and contributing to wider European energy transition goals. Similarly, the Commission has set out their aim to increase the share of the EU's energy mix from 20% to 50% for offshore wind. These sectors not only support decarbonisation but also present substantial opportunities for economic growth, innovation, and international collaboration.

On hydrogen energy, the Scottish Government understands the importance green hydrogen will have in the future. Through the Hydrogen Action Plan, Scotland is investing in the development of production capacity, infrastructure, and market readiness for hydrogen. This aligns well with the EU's Hydrogen Strategy for a Climate-Neutral Europe, particularly in its focus on scaling up production and integrating hydrogen into industrial and transport sectors.

Offshore wind is also a key component of the Scottish Government's overall net zero strategy. Scotland is home to some of the most promising offshore wind resources in Europe and we are committed to expanding capacity and ensuring that offshore wind development contributes to a just and sustainable transition. The Scottish Government [offshore wind strategy](#) is closely aligned with EU maritime spatial planning and energy connectivity goals, and the Scottish Government open to even closer cooperation with Member States in this area. We are working closely with the EU and its Member States on changes the EU are making to permitting and planning for offshore wind sites.

In addition to energy, we have continued to uphold and align with a broad range of EU environmental standards, reflecting our commitment to environmental protection, public health, and regulatory consistency. The EU has produced a number of omnibus packages – these simplification packages include key areas such as water and chemicals. From regulations on marine conservation to ensuring the safe use of chemicals in our environment, this continued alignment reinforces Scotland's role as a reliable and responsible partner in Europe's environmental governance landscape and supports continued cooperation with EU institutions and Member States.

## **Sustainable Economic Growth**

Scotland has shared ambition with the EU in the circular economy space, aimed at a just and fair transition to a net zero economy. This is reflected in both policy making and legislative action, with Scotland's Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 marking a significant step forward in embedding circular principles into national law. The Act introduces a comprehensive framework aimed at reducing waste, increasing reuse and recycling, and promoting sustainable consumption. These measures are directly aligned with the EU's Circular Economy Action Plan, which forms a core pillar of the European Green Deal.

In tandem with Scotland and the EU's shared goals on Net Zero, we also have shared goals in promoting a Wellbeing economy that supports sustainable economic growth whilst supporting the social rights of the Scottish people.

In building sustainable economic prosperity some of our key industries need to be realigned with the standards of the EU to ensure mutually beneficial trade. Of particular interest to the Scottish Government is that of a Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement. Scotland would fully support such an agreement as it would reduce barriers to trade and protect standards in our food and drink industries. The Scottish Government published a policy paper in March this year outlining the [Scottish case for a comprehensive SPS agreement after Brexit](#). This paper also outlined the positive economic impact such an agreement would have and also what from a Scottish perspective the agreement should contain to realise maximum benefit.

More widely, the Scottish Government paper on [addressing barriers to trade with the EU](#) outlines the negative economic impact of Brexit on Scotland, and potential ways in which post-Brexit barriers to trade might be reduced.

The Scottish Government is committed to building a wellbeing economy that delivers fair work, tackles inequality, and supports sustainable growth. [Scotland's economic strategy](#) prioritises reducing inequality and supporting the most disadvantaged, aligning with EU cohesion policy and the Social Investment Package. This alignment highlights our shared goals in making sure that our respective economies can grow in a way that benefits everyone. Central to this approach is the promotion of [fair work principles](#) and the implementation of the real living wage across as many sectors as possible. These principles promote secure, respectful, and fulfilling employment, echoing EU priorities around equal opportunities and decent working environments for employees.

By embedding these values into economic and social policies, Scotland demonstrates our ongoing commitment to European standards of fairness, dignity, and equality in the workplace and wider society.

## **Programme Reassociation and Youth Mobility**

Reassociation with European programmes is a crucial component to re-establishing our relationships with the EU. Connections with European programmes highlight stability, cooperation and commitment, leading to long lasting benefits to all participants. Such collaboration and cultural exchange have been lost to the people of Scotland following Brexit. Part of Scotland's commitment to Europe is its desire to rejoin many of the programmes currently available to EU member states. The UK Government's decision to reassociate to the Horizon Research programme from 1 January 2024 was welcome, and we want to see Scotland and the UK reassociate to other EU programmes again.

Our creative industries are important not only to Scotland's cultural identity but also to its economy and international reputation. Our paper on [reassociation with Creative Europe](#) shows the value of rejoining this programme and the level of funding and opportunity that Scottish organisations have lost out on as a consequence of Brexit. This programme offers organisations across Europe access to billions of Euros worth of funding that could support so many projects across Scotland. Having this financial support to Scotland's world-renowned creative industries would be thoroughly

welcomed and reassociation with Creative Europe would allow the sector to continue to grow and flourish.

Exchange in education and giving our young people the freedom to move across Europe is core to the values of the EU. Scotland had long benefitted from the academic exchanges Erasmus+ offered to students and staff across Scotland prior to Brexit. The Scottish Government published a paper on the benefits that [reassociation with Erasmus+](#) could bring to Scotland's students and staff across all education sectors. The loss of opportunity to experience learning in other European countries and for our fellow Europeans to have less chance to study in Scotland does not benefit anyone.

In addition to education a wider [youth mobility agreement with the EU](#) would be greatly beneficial to young people in Scotland, allowing our young people to live and work in another country and experience other cultures. Being an internationally open and welcoming nation is a priority for Scotland. Immigration is a matter reserved to the UK Government but an agreement in this area would also allow young people from across the EU to work in Scotland, with regular increased migration being significant for the future in helping the Scottish economy grow sustainably.

Since the start of 2024, Scotland has been able to take part again in European Programmes such as Horizon Europe and Copernicus. Continued alignment in these programmes are vital to Scotland maintaining its role as a leader in research, innovation, and environmental monitoring within the European context. It also shows the value in information sharing and continued cooperation between countries. A value that Scotland will continue to champion.

### **Promoting and Protecting the European way of Life**

Scotland will always stand up for democracy and the rule of law. Such principles are the underpinning of the European Union and all the more important in the present geopolitical environment. The full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia highlighted the need for Europe to be strong and united in the face of such aggression. Scotland will always stand up for our collective European values and support the approach of the EU to defend Ukraine's Sovereignty. As such we will always be an ally to Ukraine and her people. We remain committed to continuing to provide support and sanctuary for displaced people from Ukraine and demonstrating that are welcome in Scotland.

Alignment in both underpinning values and in promoting the freedoms we all enjoy are important to creating a fair and just society. However, it is not just policy in which Scotland promotes European freedoms and rights. In Regulation, the Scottish Government have incorporated the UNCRC into Scots Law. The statutory duty on public authorities in Scotland not to act, or fail to act, in a way that is incompatible with the UNCRC requirements when carrying out a relevant function supports the EU's use of the UNCRC as their guiding principles to protect the rights and safety of children. The Scottish Government, is also exploring bringing [a new human rights bill](#) into law in a future parliamentary session in order to ensure Scotland has the highest quality of standards when it comes to the protections of people.

As well as supporting human rights at home, Scotland is also committed to providing aid and international development support across the world. Aligning with the EU in our approach to this highlights our shared European values of global solidarity, peacebuilding, and the protection of human rights.

In order to continue to provide safety and protection of rights for the people of Scotland is improvements in the UK Government and EU relationship on [law enforcement and criminal justice cooperation](#). Leaving the EU has led to gaps in agreements from cross border prison transfers to loss of intelligence sharing. Improving this and realigning with the EU in the UK-EU cooperation agreement would be beneficial not only for Scotland but the UK as a whole. The Scottish Government will continue to make the case for improvements to be made in this area and to continue to promote our shared European values as a proud European nation.

## **Conclusion**

Scotland remains committed to the European project. In a time of increasing global uncertainty and heightened risk, international cooperation is a priority for the Scottish Government. We believe a strong Europe is vital to peace and prosperity, and we will continue to build partnerships across many shared areas of interest highlighted in this report and beyond.

The Scottish Government welcomes the UK Government's intention to improve its relations with the EU. The Scottish Government is committed to engaging constructively to ensure our common interests are respected and understood, and that we support the effective rebuilding of the UK's cooperation with our European partners. Nevertheless, the Scottish Government remains clear – without rejoining the Single Market and Customs Union or restoring freedom of movement, it will not be possible to restore the economic, social, and security benefits lost through Brexit in 2020.

In 2016, people in Scotland voted decisively to remain in the EU. Public opinion has consistently been clear ever since: Brexit was a mistake. The Scottish Government's position is unchanged: that Scotland's interests are best served by rejoining the EU as an independent member state.

We will work with the UK Government in pursuit of dynamic alignment, reflecting Scotland's expertise in this area since Brexit. The Scottish Government welcomes the potential for these discussions and will play a constructive part in taking further steps to enhance cooperation with our fellow Europeans.