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HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

1st Meeting 2010, Session 3

CONVENER

*Christine Grahame (South of Scotland) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Ross Finnie (West of Scotland) (LD)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Helen Eadie (Dunfermline East) (Lab)

*Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

*Michael Matheson (Falkirk West) (SNP)

*Ian McKee (Lothians) (SNP)

Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

*Dr Richard Simpson (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Joe FitzPatrick (Dundee West) (SNP)

Mr Frank McAveety (Glasgow Shettleston) (Lab)

Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross) (LD)

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Health and Sport Committee

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 10:00*]

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Subordinate Legislation

The Convener (Christine Grahame): I welcome you all to the 1st meeting in 2010 of the Health and Sport Committee. I remind everyone to switch off mobile phones and other electronic equipment. Apologies have been received from Mary Scanlon and Helen Eadie. Our only item of business today is consideration of two negative instruments. Members have copies of the instruments before them, as well as a note from the clerk.

Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/426)

The Convener: The regulations further amend the Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/471) in order to provide for the execution and enforcement of European Commission regulation (EC) No 450/2009 on active and intelligent materials and articles intended to come into contact with food. The regulations also amend the definition of “import” in the principal regulations. The Subordinate Legislation Committee had no comments to make on the regulations. If members have no comments, is the committee content to make no recommendations on the regulations?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/427)

The Convener: The regulations, which extend to Scotland only, make provision for the execution and enforcement of Commission regulation (EC) No 953/2009 on substances that may be added for specific nutritional purposes in foods for particular nutritional uses, as well as repeal and replace Commission directive 2001/15/EC on substances that may be added for specific nutritional purposes in food for particular nutritional uses. It sounds like something out of Monty Python, but I hope that you are following the script.

The Subordinate Legislation Committee had no comments to make on the regulations. Do members have any comments?

Dr Richard Simpson (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab): I am marginally surprised that the introduction of tryptophan is being allowed, because it is used in medicine as an antidepressant. However, if the EC, in its wisdom, has decided that that is appropriate, I suppose that it must be. It seems slightly strange, though, that tryptophan should be added to food rather than to anything else.

The Convener: Your comments are well noted, but the regulations are in relation to an EC directive, so there is no room for manoeuvre.

Dr Simpson: I understand that.

The Convener: That being the only comment, are members content to make no recommendations on the regulations?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Meeting closed at 10:05.

Once upon a time the boy's helmet fell off.

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