

*These notes relate to the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act  
2008 (asp 5) which received Royal Assent on 16 July 2008*

# **PUBLIC HEALTH ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2008**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – OVERVIEW**

#### **Part 2**

#### **Notifiable Diseases, Notifiable Organisms and Health Risk States**

#### **Notifiable diseases and organisms**

#### ***Section 12 Lists of notifiable diseases and notifiable organisms***

24. This section defines “notifiable disease” and “notifiable organism” as a disease listed in Part 1 or an organism listed in Part 2 of schedule 1 respectively. (2)It states that the Scottish Ministers may amend the lists in schedule 1 by regulations, including by adding or removing items from the list. A disease or organism may be added only if the Scottish Ministers are satisfied that it is likely to give rise to a significant risk to public health and having regard to whether the disease is serious (or in the case of an organism, whether the organism would cause a serious disease) and easily transmissible through casual contact.