

These notes relate to the Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 13 January 2015

FOOD (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 3: Administrative Sanctions

Section 52: Interpretation of Part 3

60. **Part 3** introduces administrative sanctions; this section describes the key terms used. This section includes a power to make regulations to specify what “relevant offences” are in respect of fixed penalty and compliance notices. Determining what constitutes a relevant offence by regulation rather than on the face of the Act allows greater flexibility to amend the list of offences over time and following further consultation. This means not having to amend primary legislation if another type of offence is identified or where particular offences are to be treated differently, as may be the case following Lord Advocate’s guidance being issued from time to time under section 51 of the Act.