

**EXECUTIVE NOTE TO**  
**THE LICENSING (VESSELS ETC.) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007**  
**(SSI 2007/545)**

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 126(10) and 146(2) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

**Policy Objectives**

The instrument removes those vessels with 50 or fewer people on board from the requirement to have a premises licence, under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, to sell alcohol when they are sailing. It also enables two or more vessels which do hold a premises licence to have the same individual as the premises manager.

These measures are intended to enable a proportionate application of the licensing provisions, without removing the responsibility of those selling alcohol on board such vessels from the provisions of the Act concerning selling to underage persons.

**Consultation**

The Scottish Government undertook a consultation on a draft of this Order between October and December 2006. Those consulted included all local authorities in Scotland, all Licensing Boards, the key licensed trade associations and a range of other stakeholder groups. In particular the following were consulted:

- The Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA);
- The British Marine Federation;
- The Scottish Inland Waterways Association;
- Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland.
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**Financial Effects**

The instrument has no financial implications for the Scottish Government. It removes the costs from Licensing Boards and businesses by excluding a group which otherwise would have required licensing and lessens the burden on those who operate one or more vessels which require a licence.