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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 154**

**The Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Regulations 2009**

**PART I**  
**GENERAL**

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Regulations 2009 and come into force on 28th September 2009.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007;

“the 1995 Act” means the Children (Scotland) Act 1995(1);

“adoption panel” means an adoption panel established under regulation 3;

“legal adviser” means a member of the adoption panel appointed under regulation 5(2);

“medical adviser” means a member of the adoption panel appointed under regulation 5(1);

“relative” means a grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt of the child (in the cases of a brother, sister, uncle or aunt, whether of the full-blood or half-blood); and includes a spouse or civil partner of any such grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt.