

POLICY NOTE

THE CROFTING REGISTER (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT RULES 2012

SSI 2012/327

1. These Rules are made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 19(1) and 53(2)(a) of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (“the 2010 Act”) and are subject to negative procedure. These Rules amend, for clarification, the Crofting Register (Scotland) Rules 2012 (SSI 2012 No. 294), which support the operation of the Crofting Register to be held by the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland (RoS) under section 3 of the 2010 Act.

Policy Objectives

2. These amending Rules have been brought forward to ensure clarity for applicants registering a new common grazing in the Crofting Register. They clarify the separate provisions for the registration of new common grazings and existing common grazings and the related use of registration application Forms C, D and E in the Schedule to the Rules forming SSI 2012 No. 294.

Consultation

3. As required by section 19(1) of the 2010 Act, in preparing these amending Rules, the Scottish Ministers have consulted the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland, who will establish and maintain the Crofting Register, and the Crofting Commission, who will be responsible for receiving, checking and submitting applications to register croft land on the Crofting Register. This follows a similar consultation on the Rules forming SSI 2012 No. 294.

Impact Assessments

4. An equality impact assessment has not been completed for these amending Rules as there are no equality impact issues to address. An EQIA was completed for the Bill’s introduction to Parliament

Financial Effects

5. No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) has been prepared for this Order as no financial effect or impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen. A BRIA accompanied the Crofting Reform Bill on introduction to Parliament.

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