

## **POLICY NOTE**

### **THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (RESTRICTION ON USE OF LEAD SHOT) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2013**

**SSI 2013/349**

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 140 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The instrument is subject to the negative procedure.

#### **Policy Objectives**

The 2014 Commonwealth Games shooting events are planned to be held at the Ministry of Defence (MoD) firing ranges at Barry Buddon near Carnoustie in July 2014. Parts of this area are considered to be wetlands within the meaning of the Environmental Protection (Restriction on Use of Lead Shot) (Scotland) (No.2) Regulations 2004, which prohibit the use of lead shot in shotguns over such areas.

The amending regulations make a minor change in relation to the use of lead shot in shotguns for the purposes of the Commonwealth Games clay target event in order to permit that event to take place. It is a condition of the planning permission granted in respect of the shooting events that the development is suitably mitigated and that the development is undertaken in a manner which minimises environmental impacts. In practice this will be achieved by laying a water permeable mesh in front of the firing points.

#### **Consultation**

To comply with the requirements of section 140(6) of the Environment Protection Act 1990, a public consultation took place from 23 October to 21 November. A full list of those consulted and who agreed to the release of this information is attached to the consultation report to be published on the Scottish Government website. It includes RSPB Scotland, The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust and the Scottish Wildlife Trust, as well as sport shooting organisations such as the British Association of Shooting and Conservation and the Scottish Countryside Alliance.

#### **Impact Assessments**

An equality impact assessment has not been carried out as there were not considered to be any equality issues in relation to such an amendment.

#### **Financial Effects**

A Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) has not been carried out. The amendment has a very limited application for a short duration of time. It imposes no additional costs on business. The Minister for Environment and Climate Change confirmed that no BRIA is necessary as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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