

POLICY NOTE

THE SULPHUR CONTENT OF LIQUID FUELS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2014

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The above Instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972⁽¹⁾ and all other enabling powers. The Instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Policy objectives

The Regulations implement requirements for land based heavy fuel oil and gas oil contained in Council Directive 1999/32/EC relating to a reduction in the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels. The 1999 Directive was transposed by the Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (Scotland) Regulations 2007. Council Directive 2012/33/EU covering the sulphur content of marine fuels amended the 1999 Directive. The 2014 Regulations transpose, for land based liquid fuels, the requirements of the 2012 Directive. They revoke the 2007 Regulations, except for some transitional provision.

The primary intention of the Instrument is to improve environmental protection by reducing emissions of air pollutants.

Consultation

The Instrument does not impose any new legal or financial burdens on business or industry, therefore no consultation or impact assessment was undertaken.

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(1) 1972 c.68. Section 2(2) was amended by the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46) (“the 1998 Act”), Schedule 8, paragraph 15(3) (which was amended by section 27(4) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c.51) (“the 2006 Act”). Section 2(2) was also amended by section 27(1)(a) of the 2006 Act and by the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c.7), Schedule, Part 1. The functions conferred upon the Minister of the Crown under section 2(2), insofar as within devolved competence, were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the 1998 Act.