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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 162**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**The Air Quality (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016**

*Made* - - - - - *21st March 2016*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *1st April 2016*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 87(1), (2)(b) and (h), (5)(b), and 91(1) of the Environment Act 1995<sup>(1)</sup> and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 87(7) of that Act, the Scottish Ministers have consulted the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, such bodies or persons appearing to them to be representative of the interests of local government and of industry as they consider appropriate, and such other bodies or persons as they consider appropriate.

In accordance with section 87(8) of that Act<sup>(2)</sup>, a draft of these Regulations has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

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(1) 1995 c.25. Section 91(1) provides a power to prescribe “the relevant period” and provides definitions of “appropriate agency” and “prescribed” that are relevant to the exercise of these powers. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46). Sections 87(7) and 91(1) were relevantly amended by S.I. 2013/755 and paragraph 29(5) of schedule 3 to the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 3) respectively.

(2) Section 87(8) has been modified by paragraph 5 of schedule 3 to the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 10).