

POLICY NOTE

THE AIR WEAPONS AND LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015 (COMMENCEMENT NO. 7) ORDER 2017

SSI 2017/424 (C. 32)

1. The above instrument is made in exercise of the power conferred by section 88(2) of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (“the 2015 Act”). It is not subject to any parliamentary procedure.

Policy Objectives

2. This Order brings certain provisions of the 2015 Act into force on 20 December 2017.

3. The Bill for the 2015 Act received Royal Assent on 4 August 2015. Sections 60(1) and (2), 84, 85, 86, 88 and 89 of the 2015 Act came into force on the following day. The policy objectives relating to the 2015 Act are fully set out in the Policy Memorandum which accompanied the Bill. The link below shows the passage of the Bill through Parliament and includes the Policy Memorandum:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/76383.aspx>

4. This order forms part of an implementation package for the 2015 Act. The provisions of the 2015 Act are being commenced in several stages. This is the seventh commencement order, which is limited to bringing in to force certain provisions. Specifically, it brings into force on 20 December 2017 the following provision of the 2015 Act:

Alcohol licensing

- **Section 56** – in so far as it is not already commenced. This is in respect of inserting section 9A into the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005(1) , requiring a Licensing Board to prepare and publish an annual functions report.
- **Section 87** – (minor and consequential amendments and repeals) in so far as it is not already in force , and
- **Part 3 of schedule 2** - which makes minor and consequential amendments and repeals relating to Part 3 of the 2015 Act .

Consultation

5. No formal consultation was carried out in relation to this Order. However, formal consultation took place before the Bill for the 2015 Act was introduced. Informal consultation with stakeholders took place during the Bill’s parliamentary passage. Further engagement with relevant stakeholders is in progress and will continue during the implementation process. The links below show the relevant consultation documentation:

Alcohol licensing:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/12/8130>.

Impact Assessments and Financial Effects

6. Both an Equality Impact Assessment and a Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment were carried out in relation to the Bill for the 2015 Act. The links below show the relevant documentation:

Equality Impact Assessment:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2014/05/3617>

Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2014/05/7168>

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