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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 36**

**The Cremation (Scotland) Regulations 2019**

*General*

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Cremation (Scotland) Regulations 2019 and come into force on 4 April 2019.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016,

“adult” means a person who is 16 years of age or over,

“child” means a person (other than a still-born child) who is under 16 years of age,

“electronic communication” has the meaning given in section 15(1) (general interpretation) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000<sup>(1)</sup> and similar expressions are to be construed accordingly,

“joint cremation” has the meaning given in regulation 6(3), and

“shared cremation” has the meaning given in regulation 7(3).

(3) A form set out in a schedule of these Regulations may be communicated electronically.

(4) A signature required as shown on a form set out in a schedule of these Regulations must, where—

(a) an electronic form is used or a form is an electronic communication, be—

(i) a signature in digital ink, or

(ii) an image of a signature,

(b) a paper form is used, be a signature in ink,

and must be the signatory’s handwritten signature.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 2000 c.7. Section 15 was amended by paragraph 158 of schedule 17 of the Communications Act 2003 (c.21).