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The Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (Denmark) Regulations 2024

Made - - - at 3.15 p.m. on 26th March 2024

Laid before the Scottish Parliament at 4.30 p.m. on 26th March 2024

Coming into force - - 7th May 2024

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 2 of schedule 6A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with paragraph 2(b) of that schedule, the requirements of section 20 of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010(b) have been met in respect of the Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the Participation in Certain Elections of Nationals of each Country resident in the Territory of the Other, signed in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 8 February 2024.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (Denmark) Regulations 2024 and come into force on 7 May 2024.

Amendment of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

- **2.**—(1) Paragraph 1 of schedule 6A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 is amended as follows.
 - (2) Before "Luxembourg" insert "Denmark".

GEORGE ADAM
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh At 3.15 p.m. on 26th March 2024

⁽a) 1973 c. 65, as amended by section 1 of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Act 2022 (asp 4).

⁽b) 2010 c. 25.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to give effect to the Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the Participation in Certain Elections of Nationals of Each Country Resident in the Territory of the Other dated 8 February 2024.

Regulation 2 adds Denmark to the list of countries in schedule 6A of that Act for the purposes of section 29(8) of that Act. Under that section, nationals of a country included in schedule 6A who have any form of leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom are eligible to stand for election, be elected and hold office as a member of a local authority in Scotland.

No business and regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations as no impact upon business, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.

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