

# **PUBLIC HEALTH ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2008**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – OVERVIEW**

#### **Part 2**

#### **Notifiable Diseases, Notifiable Organisms and Health Risk States**

#### **Supplementary provision**

##### ***Section 18 Electronic notification***

38. This allows a registered medical practitioner, a health board or the director of a diagnostic laboratory to use electronic means (such as e-mail) (1) to satisfy the notification requirements. The electronic document must be capable of being reproduced in legible form. It is taken to be received on the day of transmission.

##### ***Section 19 Notifiable diseases etc.: further provision***

39. This section allows the (1) Scottish Ministers to make provision, by regulations, (a) as to the way in which notification is to be made, including the way in which the information is to be provided and the manner in which the authenticity or integrity of any electronic communication may be established. The provision in regulations may include: the person by whom the information is to be provided; the person to whom it is to be provided; the nature of the information to be provided; the form and manner in which it is to be provided; and the time by which the information is to be provided. Regulations made under this section may modify any enactment, including this Act, and are to be made by negative procedure.