

*These notes relate to the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Act 2010
(asp 18) which received Royal Assent on 15 December 2010*

ALCOHOL ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTS ON SECTIONS

Section 3 – Off-sales: variation of pricing of alcoholic drinks

9. Paragraph 7 of schedule 3 to the 2005 Act imposes a condition in premises licences that prohibits the price for alcohol being varied before the expiry of 72 hours since the price of any alcohol sold on the premises was last varied. Section 3(2) and (3) amends this to provide that in respect of sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises, the 72 hour restriction on varying prices is only maintained in relation to the price of individual products. This means that in relation to off-sales of alcohol, retailers may vary the price of different products at different times provided that the price of each individual product is maintained for at least 72 hours and the price variation takes effect at the beginning of a period of licensed hours.
10. [Section 3\(4\)](#) and [\(5\)](#) makes the same provision in respect of occasional licences granted under the 2005 Act.