



Consumer Scotland Act 2020

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PART 2

CONSUMER INTERESTS

21 Duty to have regard to consumer interests

- (1) A relevant public authority must, when making decisions of a strategic nature about how to exercise its functions, have regard to—
 - (a) the impact of those decisions on consumers in Scotland, and
 - (b) the desirability of reducing harm to consumers in Scotland.
- (2) For the purpose of this section and sections 22 and 23, “relevant public authority” means a person with functions of a public nature who is specified (by name or description) in regulations made by the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may specify a person—
 - (a) in relation to the exercise of all of the person’s functions, or
 - (b) in respect of the exercise of certain specified functions only.
- (4) Before laying a draft of a Scottish statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (2) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.
- (5) Where the Scottish Ministers propose to specify a person under subsection (2) who is not currently a relevant public authority, the persons consulted under subsection (4) must include the person whom they propose to specify.