



# Consumer Scotland Act 2020

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### PART 1

#### CONSUMER SCOTLAND

##### *Functions*

#### **7 General provision about functions**

- (1) In exercising its functions, Consumer Scotland must comply with the requirements of this section.
- (2) Consumer Scotland must have regard to the forward work programme published under section 14.
- (3) Consumer Scotland must have regard to—
  - (a) the activities carried on by specified persons and any other persons with the same functions as, or similar functions to, Consumer Scotland, and
  - (b) the desirability of working in collaboration with others where appropriate.
- (4) Consumer Scotland must have regard to the interests of vulnerable consumers.
- (5) But nothing in subsection (4) is to be taken as implying that regard may not be had to the interests of other descriptions of consumers.
- (6) Consumer Scotland must have regard to the environmental impact of the actions of consumers.
- (7) Consumer Scotland must have regard to the importance of communicating in an inclusive way.
- (8) In subsection (3)(a), “specified” means specified in regulations made by the Scottish Ministers.
- (9) In subsection (7), “communicating in an inclusive way” means communicating in a way that ensures that individuals who have difficulty communicating (in relation to speech, language or otherwise) can receive information and express themselves in ways that best meet each individual's needs.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Consumer Scotland Act 2020, Section 7. (See end of Document for details)

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### Commencement Information

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