

*These notes relate to the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 4) which received Royal Assent on 29 January 2021*

# **UK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION (CONTINUITY) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2021**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND**

#### *Schedule 1 - Environmental Standards Scotland*

##### **Committees and functions**

196. Paragraph 7 allows Environmental Standards Scotland to establish committees, whose membership may include (but may not consist entirely of) persons who are not members of Environmental Standards Scotland. However, those persons are not entitled to vote at meetings of the committee.
197. Paragraph 8 provides that Environmental Standards Scotland may authorise any of its members, any committee it has established, its Chief executive or any other member of its staff to perform its functions. This does not affect Environmental Standards Scotland's responsibility for performance of the function or prevent Environmental Standards Scotland from carrying out the function itself.
198. Paragraph 9 sets out that Environmental Standards Scotland may regulate its own procedure and that of any committee.
199. Paragraph 10 provides that a vacancy in membership, a defect in the appointment of a member or the disqualification of a person from being a member after appointment, does not affect the validity of actions taken by Environmental Standards Scotland or its committees.
200. Paragraph 11 states that Environmental Standards Scotland may do anything which appears to it to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of, or in connection with, the performance of its functions, or to be otherwise conducive to the performance of its functions.