



# UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

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## PART 1

### ALIGNMENT WITH EU LAW

#### **2 Purpose of maintaining and advancing standards**

- (1) The purpose of section 1(1) is, among other things, to contribute towards maintaining and advancing standards in relation to the following matters—
  - (a) environmental protection,
  - (b) animal health and welfare,
  - (c) plant health,
  - (d) equality, non-discrimination and human rights,
  - (e) social protection.
- (2) When using the power under section 1(1), the Scottish Ministers must have due regard to the purpose referred to in subsection (1).
- (3) In subsection (1)(a), “environmental protection” has the meaning given by section 45(1).