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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 447**

**The Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004 (Commencement No. 6, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007**

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004 (Commencement No. 6, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“the 1995 Act” means the Children (Scotland) Act 1995(1); and

“the 2004 Act” means the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004.

**Appointed day**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, 1st November 2007 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the 2004 Act set out in column 1 of the table of commencements in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) Where in relation to any provision referred to in paragraph (1) a particular purpose is specified in column 2 of the table of commencements in the Schedule to this Order, that provision shall come into force on the appointed day only for that purpose.

**Saving and Transitional Provisions**

4. The provisions brought into force by this Order shall apply only to proceedings commenced on or after 1st November 2007, with proceedings being taken to have commenced when the petition, summons, initial writ or other document initiating the proceedings is served, and, where the document is served on more than one person, the proceedings shall be taken to have commenced when the document is served on the first person on whom it is served.

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