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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 399**

**The Pre-release Access to Official  
Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008**

**Citation, commencement and extent**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008, and comes into force on 1st December 2008.

(2) It extends to Scotland only.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“the Act” means the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007;

“the Code of Practice” means the Code of Practice for Statistics published under section 10 of the Act;

“market-sensitive statistics” means official statistics which when disclosed would, in the opinion of the person responsible, be reasonably likely to have a significant effect on the value or traded volume of any investment;

“Northern Ireland Minister” includes a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly appointed as a junior Minister under section 19 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998<sup>(1)</sup>;

“official statistics” has the meaning given by section 6(1) of the Act;

“person responsible” has the meaning given by section 67 of the Act;

“pre-release access” has the meaning given by section 11(8) of the Act;

“Scottish devolved statistics” has the meaning given by section 66 of the Act;

“the UK Statistics Authority” means the Statistics Board (Am Bòrd an Staitistig) established under section 1 of the Act; and

“working day” means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, a day which is a bank holiday in Scotland under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 (c. 80), a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning, or any other day when the offices of the person responsible are closed.

**Pre-release access – wholly Scottish devolved official statistics**

3. The Schedule sets out rules and principles relating to the granting of pre-release access to official statistics which are wholly Scottish devolved statistics for the purposes of the Code of Practice.

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(1) 1998 c. 47.

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Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers