

POLICY NOTE

THE NON-DOMESTIC RATING (VALUATION OF SITES OF REVERSE VENDING MACHINES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2023

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The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6(8A) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956 and section 153 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994. This instrument is subject to the negative procedure and comes into force on 1 April 2023.

This instrument provides that, in working out the net annual value of a non-domestic property, no account is to be taken of the part of that property used solely in connection with the provision or use of a reverse vending machine. It also revokes The Non-Domestic Rates (Reverse Vending Machine Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.

Policy Objectives

As part of the rollout of the Deposit Return Scheme, there is a policy objective to ensure that the part of a non-domestic property which is used solely in connection with the provision or use of a reverse vending machine, is not liable for rates.

This is delivered by these regulations which provide that, in working out the net annual value, and therefore the rateable value, of a non-domestic property under section 6(8) of the Rating and Valuation (Scotland) Act 1956, no account is to be taken of the part of the property which is used solely in connection with the provision or use of a reverse vending machine.

This is being introduced *in lieu* of the relief introduced by The Non-Domestic Rates (Reverse Vending Machine Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, which only made relief available to entries in the valuation roll consisting only of lands and heritages which were used wholly or mainly for the provision of a reverse vending machine. It has become apparent that such entries are unlikely to exist in practice.

Consultation

There is no statutory requirement to formally consult on these Regulations.

Impact Assessments

No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been carried out.

Financial Effects

The cost of implementing these regulations is not expected to be materially different to the forecast cost of relief under The Non-Domestic Rates (Reverse Vending Machine Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, which were costed at £1 million each year from 2023-24.

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