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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2024 No. 82**

**The Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021  
(Commencement and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2024**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2024 and come into force on 1 April 2024.

(2) In these Regulations—

“existing law” means each of the 1986 Act, the 1995 Act, the 1998 Act, the 2003 Act and the 2009 Act,

“the 1986 Act” means the Public Order Act 1986<sup>(1)</sup>,

“the 1995 Act” means the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995<sup>(2)</sup>,

“the 1998 Act” means the Crime and Disorder Act 1998<sup>(3)</sup>,

“the 2003 Act” means the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003<sup>(4)</sup>,

“the 2009 Act” means the Offences (Aggravation by Prejudice) (Scotland) Act 2009<sup>(5)</sup>,

“the 2021 Act” means the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021.

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(1) 1986 c. 64.  
(2) 1995 c. 39.  
(3) 1998 c. 37.  
(4) 2003 asp 7.  
(5) 2009 asp 8.