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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 305**

**The Representation of the People  
(Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**PART 2**

Absent voting: personal identifiers

**Amendment of regulation 84**

- 8.**—(1) Regulation 84(1) (opening of covering envelopes) is amended as follows.
- (2) For paragraph (1) substitute—
- “(1) When a postal voters' ballot box is opened, the returning officer shall count and record the number of covering envelopes (including any envelope which is stated to include a postal vote and any envelope described in regulation 82(2)(2)).
- (1A) He shall set aside for personal identifier verification not less than 20 per cent of the envelopes recorded on that occasion.
- (1B) He shall open separately each covering envelope (including an envelope described in regulation 82(2)).”.
- (3) In paragraph (2) for “The procedure in regulation 85 below applies” substitute “The procedure in regulation 85 or, as the case may be, regulation 85A(3) applies”.
- (4) After paragraph (4) insert—
- “(4A) Where—
- (a) an envelope contains the postal voting statement of an elector with an anonymous entry, and
- (b) paragraph (4) does not apply,
- the returning officer shall set aside that envelope and its contents for personal identifier verification in accordance with regulation 85A.”.
- (5) In paragraph (6) after “envelope” insert “opened in accordance with paragraph (1B)”.

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(1) Regulation 84 was amended by [S.I. 2007/925](#).  
(2) Regulation 82(2) was amended by [S.I. 2007/925](#).  
(3) Regulation 85A is inserted by regulation 10 of these Regulations.