Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instrument

<u>Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2)</u> Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To amend previous Regulations made in relation to plant health imports to postpone the introduction of import fees for inspection checks for certain products entering Scotland from the EU, Liechtenstein and Switzerland until 1 July 2025. This is a delay to the final deadline relating to the roll-out for the Border Target Operating Model (BTOM), the new risk-based approach to Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) controls applying to imports of live animals, animal products, high-risk food and feed of non-animal origin, plants and plant products at the border.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 25 September 2024 the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's report will be published on 27 September 2024.

Decision

- 4. Business Managers are invited to note that the above motion will be lodged.
- 5. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motion.

Parliamentary Business Team September 2024