

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of a Statutory Instrument and Scottish Statutory Instruments

UK Statutory Instrument

[The Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) Order 2024 \(SI 2024/Draft\)](#)

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 Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. This is a UK Affirmative SI made by the His Majesty the King acting on the advice of His Privy Council. It requires approval by resolution of each House of Parliament, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Scottish Parliament and Senedd Cymru.
3. The main purpose is to extend the Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (VETS) (Great Britain-wide vehicle emission trading schemes under the Climate Change Act 2008 with the aim of reducing carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions) to all four nations of the UK by including Northern Ireland.
4. At the time of making the VETS 2023 Order, which established the schemes, the Northern Ireland Assembly was unable to meet the requirement to approve the instrument and, as such, the territorial extent of the VETS did not include Northern Ireland. The VETS will replace Northern Ireland's current legislative regime governing CO₂ emissions of new cars and vans. In addition, various minor amendments that clarify the intent of the VETS Order 2023 are also made by this instrument.

Consideration by committee

5. At its meeting on 8 October 2024 the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. [The Committee's report was published on 22 October 2024.](#)

Scottish Statutory Instruments

[Public Procurement \(International Trade Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

6. 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 Public Procurement (International Trade Agreements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

7. To amend Scottish procurement regulations following updates to UK International Trade Agreements (ITAs) which remove access to bidders from the following countries to the procurement of certain health care services; Georgia, the Republic of Kosovo, Ukraine, the Republic of North Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Albania. It also updates the list of ITAs to reflect the date and location of the amended agreements and inserts a reference into Scottish procurement regulations to a new ITA with Kazakhstan. The UK Government is expected to make similar changes to procurement legislation in the rest of the UK.

Consideration by committee

8. At its meeting on 9 October 2024 the Economy and Fair Work Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 11 October 2024](#).

[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Extension of Temporary Justice Measures\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

9. 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 Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

10. To modify the expiry dates for certain temporary justice measures which are contained in the [Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022](#) to expire on 30 November 2025, rather than 30 November 2024. These include, conduct of business by electronic means (documents and attending a Court of Tribunal virtually), an increase to the maximum level of fiscal fine to £500, national jurisdiction for callings from custody and the extension of criminal procedure time limits. The specific temporary justice provisions that the Scottish Government proposes to extend can be found in the [Statement of Reasons](#) produced by the Government to accompany the instrument.

Consideration by committee

11. At its meeting on 9 October 2024, following debate, the Criminal Justice Committee agreed by division (For 4; Against 4; Abstentions 0. The motion was agreed to on the casting vote of the Convener) to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 21 October 2024](#).

Decision

12. Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.
13. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

NEGATIVE INSTRUMENT

Local Services Franchises (Traffic Commissioner Notices and Panels) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (2024/229)

Purpose

1. Sections 13I and 13N of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 enables a local transport authority to request that the Traffic Commissioner convene a panel for the purpose of considering whether to approve the making of a proposed franchising framework, or a proposed variation or revocation of a franchising framework. Upon request, the Traffic Commissioner must convene a panel under section 13J or 13O of the 2001 Act, as applicable.
2. The [policy note](#) states that the purpose of this instrument is to make further provision with respect to the panels to be convened by the Traffic Commissioner and, in particular, to make provision with respect to the appointment, removal and replacement of panel members, the remuneration of members, and the process to be followed by a panel in making decisions. This instrument also makes provision with respect to the notices issued by the Traffic Commissioner in relation to a proposed franchising framework, or a proposed variation or revocation of a framework.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 29 October 2024 the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed a motion to annul the instrument, in the name of Douglas Lumsden, (by division: For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0). The Committee report will be published by 30 October, and will be available on the Committee's webpage [here](#).

Consideration by Parliament

4. Where the lead Committee agrees a motion to annul, the Bureau is required, under Rule 10.4.4, to lodge the following motion—

[Member] on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that nothing further be done under the Local Services Franchises (Traffic Commissioner Notices and Panels) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (2024/229).

5. Standing Orders provide that the member moving the motion and the member of the Scottish Government or junior Scottish Minister in charge of the instrument may each speak in any debate for up to 3 minutes, or such greater time as may be allocated by the Parliamentary Bureau. The Bureau may also

allocate such further time for open debate on such a motion as it considers appropriate.

6. As the 40 day date is 30 October, the motion will need to be scheduled for debate on Wednesday 30 October at the latest.

Decision

7. **Business Managers are invited to note that the above motion will be lodged and consider which member of the Bureau's name the motion should be lodged in.**

Parliamentary Business Team
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