



# Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011

## 2011 asp 11

### *Deaths outwith Scotland*

#### **17 Verification of foreign death certificates**

- (1) This section applies where—
  - (a) a person (“A”) died outwith the United Kingdom, and
  - (b) the body of A is to be disposed of in Scotland.
- (2) A medical reviewer must, on the request of a relevant person, determine whether the documentation relating to A's death is in order.
- (3) Documentation is in order if it appears to the medical reviewer to be—
  - (a) authentic, and
  - (b) equivalent to the certificates or other documentation required under section 27A of the 1965 Act (offence of disposal of body without authorisation) for the interment, cremation or disposal by other means of the body of a person who died in Scotland.
- (4) If the medical reviewer determines that the documentation is in order, the medical reviewer must give the relevant person a certificate specified for the purposes of this section under section 27A(2) of the 1965 Act.
- (5) In making a determination under subsection (2), a medical reviewer may make such enquiries as the medical reviewer considers appropriate.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (2), a relevant person is—
  - (a) a person who wishes to arrange the interment, cremation or disposal by other means of A's body, or
  - (b) the person having charge of the place where A's body is to be interred, cremated or disposed of by other means.

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#### **Commencement Information**

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**Status:**

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**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011, Section 17.