CORONAVIRUS (RECOVERY AND REFORM) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2022

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT: OVERVIEW

Part 3: Public Service Reform

Land registration

Section 33: Electronic submission of copies of deeds and writs to Registers of Scotland

- 122. This section amends the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 and the Land Registers (Scotland) Act 1868 to make provision for registration in the Land Register and recording in the Register of Sasines to proceed on a copy of a deed submitted to the Keeper of the Registers by electronic means.
- 123. Subsections (1) and (2) of this section make provision for the Land Register, amending section 21 of the 2012 Act. The new section 21(5) sets out that a copy of a deed submitted electronically is sufficient to allow registration to proceed. Inserted section 21(6) provides that this applies when the means and form for electronic submission of copy deeds are specified as acceptable on the Keeper's website. Inserted section 21(7) sets out the forms submission by electronic means can take, such as attachment to an email.
- 124. Subsections (3) and (4) of this section make similar provision for the Register of Sasines, amending the 1868 Act. Subsection (4)(a) removes the existing reference to electronic documents to allow section 6A of the 1868 Act, as amended by subsection (4) (b) of this section, to apply to copies of deeds transmitted electronically. Inserted section 6A(6) sets out that a copy of a deed submitted electronically is sufficient to allow recording in the Register of Sasines to proceed. Inserted section 6A(7) provides that this applies when the means and form for electronic submission of copy deeds are specified as acceptable on the Keeper's website (www.ros.gov.uk). Inserted section 6A(8) sets out the forms submission by electronic means can take.