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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make minor amendments to 3 sets of Regulations already made under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (“the 2005 Act”).

The Licensing (Closure Orders) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 and the Sale of Alcohol to Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Regulations 2007 are both amended so that they will now come into force at 5.00 a.m. on 1st September 2009.

The Licensing Qualification (Scotland) Regulations 2007 are amended so that, when accrediting a qualification so as to make it a “licensing qualification” in terms of section 91 of the 2005 Act, the Scottish Ministers may accredit it in relation to all licensed premises, to all off sales premises or to all other licensed premises. By virtue of paragraph 4(1)(d) of schedule 3 to the 2005 Act, it is a mandatory condition of every premises licence that alcohol is not sold on the premises if the licensing qualification held by the premises manager is not an appropriate one in relation to the premises in question.