

Executive Note

The Licensing Register (Scotland) Regulations 2007 SSI/2007/33

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections **9(2) and 146(2)** of the **Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**. Section 9 will be brought fully into force prior to the commencement date of these Regulations. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of the instrument is to set out what information is to be included on a Licensing Board's public licensing register and the form the register is to take. For the three categories of licence (personal, premises and occasional) information will be included on the register. For premises and occasional licence information, there will also be an index for ease of use. Registers may be in electronic form.

Consultation

The Scottish Executive undertook a public consultation on a draft of these Regulations between October and December 2006. Those consulted included all local authorities in Scotland, all Licensing Boards, the key licensed trade associations and a range of other stakeholder groups. In addition to this the Scottish Executive had useful discussions with key stakeholders during the consultation period. Those organisations included:

- The Scottish Licensed Trade Association;
- British Entertainment & Dance Association;
- The Scottish Beer & Pub Association;
- British Institute of Innkeeping;
- Scottish Grocers' Federation;
- Scottish Retail Consortium;
- Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland; and
- The British Hospitality Association.

Financial Effects

The instrument will have financial effects on local government. It is difficult to assess costs as many of the documents required by the Register are already maintained by local authorities and would be open to public inspection through 'Freedom of Information'. It would also be for local authorities to decide the nature of the storage system and whether this would be electronic or paper based.