

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 129(1) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (“the Act”) provides power to prescribe by regulations what offences are to count as a “relevant offence” in that Act. That phrase is used in a number of places in the Act – for example, section 21(3) and (4) requires the appropriate chief constable to notify a Licensing Board whether a person applying for a premises licence has or has not been convicted of any relevant offence.

These Regulations specify those offences which are to be relevant offences for the purposes of the Act (regulation 2 and the Schedule). Regulation 3 makes supplemental provision about the timescales for giving notification of a relevant offence in certain cases where a sentence of imprisonment is imposed on a date later than the date of the conviction in question.