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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 138**

**The Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus)  
(Scotland) Regulations 2020**

**Citation, commencement, application and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 and come into force immediately after they are made.

(2) These Regulations apply to all prisons in Scotland.

(3) In these Regulations, any reference to a person being released under section 1(1) of the 1993 Act<sup>(1)</sup> includes a person who is released under that section as applied by section 6(1)(a) of that Act<sup>(2)</sup>.

(4) In these Regulations—

“the governor’s veto” means the power of the governor of a prison, under paragraph 19(3)(b) of schedule 4 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, to prevent the early release of a person from that prison under these Regulations,

“health care professional” has the same meaning as it is given in section 17CA of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978<sup>(3)</sup>.

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(1) Section 1(1) was amended by paragraph 98(1) of schedule 8 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c.37) and section 15(2) of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 14).

(2) Section 6(1)(a) was amended by paragraph 86 of schedule 4 of the Criminal Procedure (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1995 (c.40).

(3) 1978 c.29; section 17CA was inserted by section 38 of the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 3).