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# **PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Evidence) (Saving Provision) Regulations 2021

Made - - - - - 18th August 2021

Laid before the Scottish Parliament 20th August 2021

Coming into force - - 30th September 2021

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 10(1) of the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Act 2021(a).

#### Citation and commencement

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Evidence) (Saving Provision) Regulations 2021 and come into force on 30 September 2021.

### Evidence admitted before the end of 30 September 2021 – saving provision

**2.** Despite section 2(4)(a) of the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Act 2021, paragraph 11 of schedule 4 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020(**b**) continues in effect in relation to evidence of a statement admitted before the end of 30 September 2021.

ASH DENHAM Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh 18th August 2021

<sup>(</sup>a) 2021 asp 19.

**<sup>(</sup>b)** 2020 asp 7.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

By virtue of section 2(4)(a) of the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Act 2021, paragraph 11 of schedule 4 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 ("the 2020 Act") will expire at the end of 30 September 2021. These Regulations make saving provision in connection with that expiry and provide that the modifications to section 259 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c.46) which were made by paragraph 11 of schedule 4 of the 2020 Act continue in effect in relation to evidence of a statement admitted before the end of 30 September 2021. This makes clear that the rules contained in section 259, as modified, continue to apply in proceedings where a statement has been introduced in evidence prior to the expiry of the relevant modifications.

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