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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Act of Sederunt)*

This Act of Sederunt amends the fees that are prescribed in the tables of solicitors' fees in the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment and Further Provisions) 1993 ("the 1993 Act of Sederunt"), the Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Appeal Court) 2015 ("the 2015 Act of Sederunt").

A new fees regime was introduced in 2019 and the 1993 Act of Sederunt and the 2015 Act of Sederunt were revoked by the Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules and Ordinary Cause Rules Amendment) (Taxation of Judicial Expenses) 2019 ("the 2019 Rules"). However, both of these instruments were saved so far as they apply to civil proceedings set out in paragraph 7 of the 2019 Rules and therefore specify the fees that apply to any such proceedings which are ongoing immediately before 30th June 2023.

The amended fees represent an increase of 9.75% on the existing fees and only have effect in respect of work carried out on or after 30th June 2023.

The instrument also amends the "unit" in rule 3.2 of the Act of Sederunt (Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules) 2019 by increasing it by 9.75%. This increase takes effect on 30th June 2023 and only has effect in respect of work carried out on or after that date.