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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision for the commencement, on 6 June 2023, of the following provisions of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (“the Act”): sections 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38(1) (partially, insofar as that subsection relates to certain provisions of schedule 1), and paragraphs 6, 13, 19, 23, 24 and 29 of schedule 1.

The Act makes provision in relation to regulating the use, supply and possession of fireworks and other pyrotechnic articles. The provisions commenced by these Regulations create offences of possession of pyrotechnic articles in certain places. Section 35 relates to all pyrotechnic articles (excluding category F1 fireworks) and applies in all public places. Section 36 relates to all pyrotechnic articles (including all fireworks), and applies at designated events or venues. Section 37 allows the Scottish Ministers, by regulations, to designate events or venues for the purpose of the section 36 offence.

The Bill for the Act received Royal Assent on 10 August 2022. By virtue of section 56 of the Act, sections 50, 51, 52, 53, 56 and 57 came into force on the day following Royal Assent.