



# Scotland Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 46

### PART I

#### THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

##### *Other provisions*

### **38 Letters Patent and proclamations.**

- (1) The Keeper of the Registers of Scotland shall record in the Register of the Great Seal—
  - (a) all Letters Patent signed with Her Majesty's own hand signifying Her Assent to a Bill passed by the Parliament, and
  - (b) all royal proclamations under sections 2(5) and 3(2), which have passed under the Scottish Seal.
- (2) On recording such Letters Patent he shall intimate the date of recording to the Clerk.
- (3) Her Majesty may by Order in Council make provision as to—
  - (a) the form and manner of preparation, and
  - (b) the publication,of such Letters Patent and proclamations.
- (4) If the First Minister so directs, impressions with the same device as the Scottish Seal shall be taken in such manner, of such size and on such material as is specified in the direction.
- (5) Each such impression—
  - (a) shall be known as a Wafer Scottish Seal, and
  - (b) shall be kept in accordance with directions of the First Minister.
- (6) If a Wafer Scottish Seal has been applied to Letters Patent or a proclamation mentioned in subsection (1), the document has the same validity as if it had passed under the Scottish Seal.

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for the Scotland Act 1998, Section 38. (See end of Document for details)*

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### Commencement Information

- II** S. 38 wholly in force at 6.5.1999; s. 38 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 130; s. 38(3) in force at 25.1.1999 by [S.I. 1998/3178, art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 1](#); s. 32(1)(2)(4)-(6) in force at 6.5.1999 by [S.I. 1998/3178, art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 3](#)

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