

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke and replace the Crofters etc. Building Grants (Scotland) Regulations 1982. They relate to provision by the Secretary of State of assistance by way of grant towards the erection, improvement or rebuilding of dwellinghouses for crofters and certain other occupiers of land in the crofting counties.

The Regulations prescribe the conditions to be observed with respect to dwellinghouses so long as any such grant is outstanding and provide for recovery of the grant in the event of a breach of conditions. The maximum period for which the conditions apply in the case of erection or rebuilding of a house is increased from 10 years to 20 years and the circumstances in which there is a breach of conditions have been widened with the aim of making it more likely that assisted housing will be kept within the crofting community. The Regulations also prescribe the form of notices to be recorded in the Register of Sasines.