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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3262**

**The Arrangements to Look After  
Children (Scotland) Regulations 1996**

**Application of Regulations to short-term placements**

17.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), this regulation applies to a series of planned short-term placements where the following conditions are satisfied:—

- (a) all the placements occur within a period which does not exceed one year;
- (b) no single placement is for a duration of more than 4 weeks; and
- (c) the total duration of the placements does not exceed 120 days.

(2) Any series of short-term placements to which this regulation applies may be treated as a single placement for the purpose of these Regulations, except that for the purposes of regulation 9(1) the local authority shall carry out the first review of the placement within 3 months from the date on which the placement was first made and thereafter at intervals of not more than 6 months from the date of the previous review.

(3) An examination of the type referred to in regulation 13(1) shall be required only at the beginning of the period of a series of placements when the series is planned and, notwithstanding paragraph (1)(a), such a series may last for more than one year.