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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 737**

**The Scottish Parliament (Letters  
Patent and Proclamations) Order 1999**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Scottish Parliament (Letters Patent and Proclamations) Order 1999 and shall come into force on 6th May 1999.

(2) In this Order—

“the 1998 Act” means the Scotland Act 1998;

“Letters Patent” means Letters Patent signed with Her Majesty’s own hand signifying Her Assent to a Bill passed by the Scottish Parliament; and

“proclamations” means royal proclamations under sections 2(5) and 3(2) of the 1998 Act.

**Form of Letters Patent and proclamations**

2. The form of words to be used—

(a) in Letters Patent shall be that set out in Part I of the Schedule to this Order;

(b) in royal proclamations under section 2(5) of the 1998 Act shall be that set out in Part II of that Schedule; and

(c) in royal proclamations under section 3(2) of the 1998 Act shall be that set out in Part III of that Schedule,

subject only to such variations as are necessitated by the circumstances.

**Preparation of Letters Patent and proclamations**

3. Letters Patent and proclamations may be printed or written or partly printed and partly written, and may be prepared on paper or parchment.

**Publication of Letters Patent and proclamations**

4.—(1) As soon as is reasonably practicable after intimation of the date of their recording in the Register of the Great Seal is received by the Clerk of the Parliament, Letters Patent shall be notified by the Presiding Officer to the Parliament at a meeting of the Parliament, or by such other means as the Presiding Officer may consider appropriate, and shall be published in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

(2) Proclamations shall be published in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

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