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The Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

Made - - - -	*11th November 2020*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	*13th November 2020*
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The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 112(1)(b), 113A(1)(b), 113B(1)(b), 114(1)(b) and 116(1)(b) of the Police Act 1997(**a**) and section 70(1) and (2) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007(**b**), and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 70(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007, the Scottish Ministers have had regard to the circumstances in which the fees are payable, and the desirability of maintaining an appropriate balance among the quality of the performance of their vetting, barring and disclosure functions, the cost of that performance and the fees paid to them in respect of that performance.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 26 December 2020.

(**a**) 1997 c.50; section 112(1) was amended by the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp. 14) ("the 2007 Act") and S.S.I. 2006/50; sections 113A and 113B were inserted by the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and relevantly amended by the 2007 Act; sections 114 and 116 were relevantly amended by S.S.I. 2006/50 and the 2007 Act. Section 125(1) of the Police Act 1997 contains a definition of "prescribed" relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made. Section 126(3), as inserted by section 116(2) of the 2005 Act, provides that in the application of Part 5 to Scotland, references to the Secretary of State must be construed as references to the Scottish Ministers.

(**b**) 2007 asp 14. Section 97(1) contains a definition of "prescribed" relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made.

Amendment of Expiry Period of the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020

2. In Paragraph (1) of Regulation 5 (expiry) of the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020(**a**) for "6 months" substitute "9 months".

MAREE TODD
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
11th November 2020

(**a**) S.S.I. 2020/163.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations"). Regulation 5 of the 2020 Regulations provides that they will cease to have effect after 6 months from the date on which they came into force. They came into force on 26 June 2020. These Regulations amend the 2020 Regulations so that they will cease to have effect after 9 months from the date on which they came into force.

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