EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE REGISTRATION OF CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (PRESCRIPTION OF FORMS, PUBLICISATION AND ERRORS) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2007 (SSI 2007/53)

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 122(3) and 258 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 ("the 2004 Act"), with the approval of the Scottish Ministers in accordance with section 126(3) of that Act. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

The Register of Dissolutions of Civil Partnerships, maintained under section 122 of the 2004 Act, comprises entries in respect of dissolution in the form of extract decrees sent by the Court of Session and sheriff courts to the Registrar General by post. The purpose of these regulations is to pave the way for the courts, at a future date, to send extract decrees to the Registrar General by electronic means to be included in the Register. The documents would be sent via the secure police national network and would be received by the Registrar General using the government secure intranet.

An equivalent change is made to the register of Divorces by regulation 3 of the Registration Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/52) sent to Parliament for subordinate legislation scrutiny at the same time as the Regulations, although those regulations are not laid.

Consultation

No consultation was undertaken because no customers or stakeholders will be affected. The regulations relate to the administrative arrangements between the Scottish courts and the Registrar General and to the form of register kept by the Registrar General.

Financial Effects

The instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Executive, local government or on business.

General Register Office for Scotland
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