POLICY NOTE

THE SCOTTISH FOOD COMMISSION (APPOINTMENT) REGULATIONS 2024

SSI 2024/112

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 13(2) of the schedule of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022. In accordance with section 27(12) of that Act, a draft of this instrument has been laid before the Scottish Parliament.

Purpose of the Instrument

These Regulations set out criteria that the Scottish Ministers must have regard to when making appointments of members of the Scottish Food Commission.

Policy Objectives

The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 establishes the Scottish Food Commission.

The schedule of the Act stipulates that appointments of members of the Scottish Food Commission are to be made in accordance with regulations made by Scottish Ministers.

This instrument provides that the Scottish Ministers must have regard to the desirability of the Scottish Food Commission including members who are representative of interests in relevant areas or who have experience or expertise of food-related issues in relation to a range of relevant matters.

EU Alignment Consideration

This instrument is not relevant to the Scottish Government's policy to maintain alignment with the EU.

Consultation

No consultation has been carried out in relation to this instrument. There is no statutory duty to consult on this instrument.

Impact Assessments

Impact assessments have not been prepared for this instrument. The impact of these regulations is limited to the appointment of members to the Scottish Food Commission. The regulations do not exclude individuals from applying but provide a set of criteria that the Scottish Ministers must have regard to when making appointments. This instrument has limited scope and impact beyond this process, as such it was not considered necessary to conduct impact assessments.

In addition, the Scottish Food Commission is listed in schedule 2 of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003. This means the appointment process is regulated and monitored by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland. When

making appointments to the Scottish Food Commission, the Scottish Ministers must comply with the code of practice on public appointments produced by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

Financial Effects

The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands confirms that no BRIA is necessary as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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