POLICY NOTE

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES INQUIRY SESSION PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT RULES 2015

SSI 2015/250

1. The above Rules are to be made in exercise of the powers conferred on the Scottish Ministers by section 9 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 and all other powers enabling them to do so. The Rules are subject to the negative procedure.

Introduction

2. The Town and Country Planning (Hazardous Substances Inquiry Session Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2015 address some minor drafting errors identified in the original Rules by the Devolved Powers and Legal Reform Committee of the Parliament. The original Rules were laid on 30 April and are due to come into force on 1 June 2015.

Policy context

3. These are technical amendments which do not result in any substantial change in the application of the legislation. Although minor in nature, these amendments are to avoid any doubt about the interpretation of the Rules

Consultation

4. The above Amendment Rules are highly technical in nature. As they do not result in any substantial change in the application of the legislation no consultation has been undertaken.

Financial Implications

5. The proposed amendments do not introduce any new statutory requirements that would have financial implications for either business or planning authorities.

Regulatory Impact Assessment

6. A Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment is not considered necessary for these amendments as we consider there will be no negative impact on business.

Equalities Impact Assessment

7. The Scottish Government is committed to ensuring the planning system is designed and delivered in a way that is sensitive and relevant to the diverse needs and experiences of all people living in Scotland. We have considered the impact of the Amendment Rules on particular groups of people (whatever their age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, or whether disabled or not). We are not aware of any evidence that any of these groups will be negatively affected by the proposed amendments. We do not consider that there will be

any particular impact, adverse or otherwise on children's rights or wellbeing as a consequence of these Rules.

Scottish Government
May 2015