POLICY NOTE

THE UEFA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (SCOTLAND) ACT 2020 (CHAMPIONSHIP PERIOD AND TRANSITORY PROVISION etc.) REGULATIONS 2021

SSI 2021/207

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 1(1) and 32(1) of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 ("the 2020 Act") and by all other enabling powers. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Purpose of the instrument

Scotland's continued host status for the rescheduled UEFA European Football Championship was confirmed by UEFA on 9 April 2021, with four matches set to take place at Hampden Park, Glasgow on 14, 18, 22, and 29 June 2021. The UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Championship Period and Transitory Provision etc.) Regulations 2021 confirm that the "Championship period" for the purposes of the 2020 Act means the period beginning 31 May 2021 and ending on 11 July 2021.

Following a review of the event delivery model in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, Glasgow City Council has removed the proposed Merchant City and George Square Fan Zones. Therefore, the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Championship Period and Transitory Provision etc.) Regulations 2021 amend the event zones currently specified in the UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/443) ("the Trading and Advertising Regulations") by removing maps of the Merchant City and George Square zones. As the zones will no longer be defined, restrictions will not apply within them.

Policy Objectives

The main policy objective of the regulations is to help ensure successful delivery of the Championship by meeting the commercial rights protection required by UEFA.

Consultation

Local Organising Committee[1] partners are working together to deliver the event. Changes to the event zones have been agreed by partners. The removal of George Square and Merchant City as Fan Zones will be reflected in UEFA EURO 2020 guidance on the GetReadyGlasgow.com website.

Championship dates and operation of event zones

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[1] UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (legislation.gov.uk)

purposes of the 2020 Act means the period beginning 31 May 2021 and ending on 11 July 2021.
The Hampden Park event zone remains unchanged and will be in operation from 31 May 2021 to 29 June 2021. A new proposed Fan Zone in Glasgow Green will not be subject to the restrictions in the Trading and Advertising Regulations, as agreed with UEFA.

Impact Assessments

An Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) has been completed for the 2020 Act and regulations and was published by the Scottish Government in September 2019[2]. No changes to this are considered to be required in light of these regulations.

A Pre-Screening Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was carried out for the 2020 Act and regulations. There are no complex, widespread, long lasting or serious environmental effects expected as a result of the introduction of the legislation. A separate Sustainability Strategy has been developed for the wider event and will be implemented by Glasgow Life and partners.

A Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment Screening was carried out for the 2020 Act and regulations. There are considered to be no direct impacts on children and young people and any indirect impacts are considered to be positive overall but minor in their impact. No issues regarding children and young people have been raised by partners or those we have engaged with during the development process for the regulations.

The Scottish Government is satisfied that the 2020 Act and regulations will have no differential effect on island communities. The Scottish Government is also satisfied that a Fairer Scotland duty assessment is not required for this policy. These regulations will not result in the collection of personal data.

Financial Effects

A final Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) has been completed for the 2020 Act and regulations, and this takes into account the detailed policy included in these regulations. Removing the fan zones at George Square and the Merchant City will result in a reduced impact of the legislation on businesses as businesses in those two areas will no longer be subject to restrictions on advertising and trading during the event.

Further details on the expected financial effects of implementing the 2020 Act are set out in the Financial Memorandum[3] for the 2020 Act.

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Directorate for Culture, Tourism and Major Events
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[2] https://www.gov.scot/publications/uefa-european-championship-scotland-bill-results-eqia/
[3] https://www.parliament.scot/S5_Bills/UEFA%20European%20Championship%20Bill/SPBill54FMS052019.pdf