

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022 (SI 2022/Draft)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022 (SI 2022/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To amend the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/576) (“the Order”), which establishes the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) and requires it to impose levies to deliver services in certain agricultural sectors, to:

- remove the statutory levies in the horticulture and potato sectors in Great Britain (GB);
- impose a new duty on the AHDB to deliver a regular vote of levy payers at least once every five years on what any levy will be spent on in each levy paying sector;
- enable the AHDB to charge for services it delivers to all agricultural industries that are in scope of the Order and ensure that where an industry is paying a levy, additional charges can only be made for the cost of services that are not already covered by the levy.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 20 April 2022, the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published on 22 April 2022.

Decision

4. **Business Managers are invited note that the above motions will be lodged.**

5. **Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.**

**Parliamentary Business Team
April 2022**