

**PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS****NEGATIVE INSTRUMENT****[Deer \(Close Seasons\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/184\)](#)***Purpose*

1. This instrument amends the Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Order 2011 which specifies the times of year during which deer can be lawfully taken or killed. The policy note states that the instrument will remove the close season for male deer in order to maximise the opportunities for deer management across the year and offer deer managers more flexibility as to when they undertake deer management. The close season for female deer will remain unchanged.

*Consideration by committee*

2. At its meeting on 13 September 2023 the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee agreed a motion to annul the instrument ([by division: For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; motion agreed to on casting vote](#)). The Committee report will be published on 22 September 2023.

*Consideration by Parliament*

3. Where the lead Committee agrees a motion to annul, the Bureau is required, under Rule 10.4.4, to lodge the following motion—

**[Member] on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that nothing further be done under the Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/184).

4. Standing Orders provide that the member moving the motion and the member of the Scottish Government or junior Scottish Minister in charge of the instrument may each speak in any debate for up to 3 minutes, or such greater time as may be allocated by the Parliamentary Bureau. The Bureau may also allocate such further time for open debate on such a motion as it considers appropriate.

**Decision**

5. **Business Managers are invited to note that the above motion will be lodged and consider which member of the Bureau's name the motion should be lodged in.**

**AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS****[Deer \(Firearms etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#)**

6. 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 Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

*Purpose*

7. To amend the Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1985 to permit the use of night sights for the taking or killing of deer and to amend the minimum ammunition requirements to make non-lead alternatives more accessible for use when taking or killing deer.

*Consideration by committee*

8. At its meeting on 13 September 2023 the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee agreed to recommend ([by division: For 6, Against 2, Abstentions 0](#)) that the regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published on 22 September 2023.

**[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Green Freeports Relief\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023 \(SSI 2023/Draft\)](#)**

9. 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 Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Green Freeports Relief) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft) be approved.

*Purpose*

10. To insert a new Schedule 16D to the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 to provide for relief from LBTT for eligible transactions within a Green Freeport designated tax site. The policy note states that the relief is intended to support the Scottish Government's objectives in delivering the green freeports programme by encouraging long-term investment in specified tax sites which are deemed, at the point of designation, to be underdeveloped.

*Consideration by committee*

11. At its meeting on 12 September 2023 the Finance and Public Administration Committee agreed to recommend ([by division: For 6, Against 1, Abstentions 0](#)) that the regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published on 22 September 2023.

**Decision**

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

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

**Parliamentary Business Team  
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