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Dear Presiding Officer

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2020**

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/xxx) (“the Regulations”) were made by the Scottish Ministers under paragraph 1(1) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”) and will be laid before the Scottish Parliament shortly. The Regulations come into force on Monday 21 and Saturday 26 December.

Paragraph 6(1) of schedule 19 of the 2020 Act states that regulations under paragraph 1(1) are subject to the affirmative procedure. However, paragraph 6(2) provides that the affirmative procedure will not apply if the Scottish Ministers consider that the regulations need to be made urgently. In such situations paragraph 6(3) applies. As a result of the continuing impact of Covid 19 and the need to respond quickly to ensure appropriate mitigations are in place to prevent the spread of Covid 19, the Scottish Ministers consider that these Regulations need to be made urgently.

Paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the 2020 Act provides that “emergency regulations” must be laid before the Scottish Parliament and cease to have effect on the expiry of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the regulations were made unless, before the expiry of that period, the regulations have been approved by a resolution of the Parliament.

We are writing to give notice that these emergency regulations have been made and are laid before the Scottish Parliament, as provided for in paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the 2020 Act. We will look to have the Regulations approved by a resolution of the Parliament as soon as possible.

As with previous regulations, Scottish Ministers will keep the necessity for these measures under regular review and will keep Parliament updated.

If your officials would like to discuss any matters arising from these Regulations, I would be happy to engage with them.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Convenors of the COVID-19 Committee, the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee and the Health and Sport Committee.

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