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Dear Colin

SCOTTISH PUBS CODE – IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE

I am writing to let you know that, in light of representations received, I am proposing a change to the timetable for implementation of the Scottish Pubs Code, subject to parliamentary approval. Most parts of the code will come into force as expected on 31 March 2025. However, it is proposed that Parts 3 and 4 (covering rent review and assessment, and Market Rent Only) will now come into effect on 30 June 2025.

I think this change to the timetable will allow pub owning businesses additional time to prepare for some of the more challenging aspects of the code and help ensure that they are well prepared to respond to any requests from tenants for a Market Rent Only option. Legislation to amend the Scottish Pubs Code Regulations 2024 and the implementation date should be finalised very soon. The SSI is expected to be laid in Parliament before the end of January 2025.

Sincerely

TOM ARTHUR

