STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 834

The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006

Amendment to provision about supply of free copy of full register to the National Library of Scotland and the British Library and restrictions on use

14.—(1) Regulation 96 of the 2001 Regulations shall be amended as follows.

- (2) In paragraph (1)-
 - (a) omit ", one printed copy of";
 - (b) in sub paragraph (a), at the beginning, insert "one printed copy and one data copy of"; and
 - (c) in sub paragraph (b), at the beginning, insert "one printed copy of".
- (3) In paragraph (2), at the beginning, insert "Subject to paragraph (5)".
- (4) In paragraph (3), at the beginning, insert "Subject to paragraph (5)".
- (5) After paragraph (3) insert-

"(3A) Where a copy of the full register is made available for inspection by providing the register on a computer screen or otherwise in data form, the National Library of Scotland and the British Library shall ensure that the manner in, and equipment on, which that copy is provided do not permit any person consulting that copy to-

- (a) search it by electronic means by reference to the name of any person; or
- (b) copy or transmit any part of that copy by electronic, or any other, means.".
- (6) In paragraph (4) after "the British Library" insert ", whether a printed copy or in data form,".
- (7) After paragraph (4) insert-

"(5) A person employed by the National Library of Scotland or the British Library is not prohibited from supplying a copy of, or disclosing information contained in, a version of the full register where–

- (a) more than ten years have expired since that version of the register was first published in accordance with regulation 43; and
- (b) the supply or disclosure is for research purposes in compliance with the relevant conditions.

(6) No person who obtains a copy of the full register or to whom information contained in it that is not contained in the edited register is disclosed under the circumstances described in paragraph (5) may–

- (a) supply a copy of it,
- (b) disclose any such information, or
- (c) make use of any such information,

otherwise than for research purposes in compliance with the relevant conditions.

(7) For the avoidance of doubt, and without prejudice to the generality of regulation 92(4), the restrictions on use imposed by paragraphs (2) to (4) and (6), and

the removal of prohibition provided for by paragraph (5), shall apply to any copy of a register and to any copy of a list of overseas electors supplied to the National Library of Scotland in terms of regulation 97B of the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001(1).".

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 2001/341. Regulation 97B was inserted by the Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, regulation 16.