

■ DP299 'Update Citizens Advice Scotland to Consumer Scotland'

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Fast Track vote

DP299: Overview

- Consumer Scotland Act 2020 replaced references in the Electricity Act 1989 and the Gas Act 1986 and various other energy-related legislation to 'Citizens Advice Scotland' with 'Consumer Scotland'.
- This confirms that energy-related functions are now being exercised by Consumer Scotland instead of Citizens Advice Scotland.

Issue



- These out-of-date references within the SEC make SEC documents harder to interpret and potentially lead to confusion or misunderstanding. Voting rights Panel are also impacted.

Impact



- Amend the legal text of the SEC to reflect the changes.
- Sections A, C, D, H and I.

Potential Solution



■ Updated Panel Terms of Reference

5.7 Composition

- The voting Panel Members shall be as follows:
 - 2 Members from the Large Supplier Party Category;
 - 2 Members from the Small Supplier Party Category;
 - 2 Network Operator Parties;
 - 2 Members from the Other SEC Party Category;
 - 1 Member~~s~~ from the DCC;
 - ~~1~~ 2 Member~~s~~ from Citizens Advice or Consumer Scotland;
 - The Panel Chair, appointed per Section C3.5; and
 - Any additional person appointed by the Panel Chair per Section C3.6

C3.1 states ‘two persons nominated in accordance with C3.4 (the **Consumer Members**)’

C3.4 The Consumer Members shall be two persons nominated by Citizens Advice or ~~Citizens Advice~~ Consumer Scotland by notice to the Secretariat from time to time. Citizens Advice or ~~Citizens Advice~~ Consumer Scotland may replace each such person from time to time by prior notice to the Secretariat.

DP299: Assessment of Change



Impacted Parties

- None (directly)



Costs

- SECAS implementation costs



Target Release

- Ad-hoc SEC Release



Benefits

- Clarity on SEC processes

SEC Objective (g)

(g) facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code

■ Recommendations

- **DETERMINE** whether DP299 should be progressed as a Fast Track Modification
- **DETERMINE** whether this Modification Proposal (MP299) should be **APPROVED** or **REJECTED** as a Fast Track Modification
- **PROVIDE** rationale for this decision relating to the General SEC Objectives

SEC Objective (g)

(g) facilitate the efficient and transparent administration and implementation of this Code

(g) because the Proposed Solution will reflect the 2020 amendment to the Electricity Act 1989 and the Gas Act 1986 in reference to Consumer Scotland.

The CSC vote must be unanimous to approve a Fast-Track Modification