

*These notes relate to the Crofting Reform etc. Act 2007
(asp 7) which received Royal Assent on 1 March 2007*

CROFTING REFORM ETC. ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND

The Act

Part 7: General and Miscellaneous

Section 36: “Members of a family”

157. This section amends section 61(2) of the 1993 Act to the extent that it amends the definition of persons who comprise members of a person’s or crofter’s family for purposes of the 1993 Act. This reduces the breadth of “family” within the context of crofting legislation. The current definition defines family as extending to anyone who is, or would in any circumstances be, entitled to succeed to the crofter’s estate on intestacy by virtue of the provisions of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964. This would include cousins and more distant blood relatives. The new definition also now includes a civil partner or cohabitant and defines the terms cohabitant, sibling and son or daughter.