

These notes relate to the Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 11) which received Royal Assent on 20 April 2011

CERTIFICATION OF DEATH (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Deaths outwith Scotland

Section 19: Post-mortem examination of person who died outwith United Kingdom

51. The persons mentioned in subsection (3) may apply to the medical reviewer for assistance, including financial assistance, to arrange a post-mortem examination in situations where the body of someone who died outwith the UK has been returned to Scotland for disposal. The persons who can make an application under subsection (3) are the same persons who are entitled to authorise a post-mortem under sections 30, 32 or 33 of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006. An application may only be made under this section for the purpose of providing information about the cause of death where none is available. It will allow the small number of families in this position an opportunity to have the cause of death established.