

These notes relate to the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 4) which received Royal Assent on 29 June 2012

ALCOHOL (MINIMUM PRICING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTS ON SECTIONS

Section 2 – Duration of minimum pricing provisions

14. This section allows for minimum pricing to run for 6 years from the date it is commenced and allows for the Scottish Ministers to make an order after the end of 5 years to allow minimum pricing to continue to have effect. The Scottish Ministers cannot make an order extending the effect of the minimum pricing provisions until 5 years from when they are fully in force. If no such order is made by the end of year 6 minimum pricing will cease to have effect.
15. The minimum pricing provisions are the provisions in section 1 of the Act that provide that alcohol must not be sold on licensed premises at a price below its minimum price. This definition also applies to section 3.
16. Subsection (4) sets out that the order that the Scottish Ministers can make after the end of 5 years to allow minimum pricing to continue to have effect is subject to the affirmative procedure.