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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 253**

**FAMILY LAW**

**The Divorce (Religious Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2006**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>11th May 2006</i>
<i>Laid before the Scottish</i>		
<i>Parliament</i>	- - - -	<i>12th May 2006</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>3rd June 2006</i>

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3A(7) of the Divorce (Scotland) Act 1976<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Divorce (Religious Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and shall come into force on 3rd June 2006.

**Religious body**

2. Any Hebrew Congregation is prescribed as a religious body for the purposes of section 3A(7) of the Divorce (Scotland) Act 1976.

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
11th May 2006

*HUGH HENRY*  
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

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(1) 1976 c. 39. Section 3A was inserted by section 15 of the [Family Law \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 2\)](#).

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations name any Hebrew Congregation as a religious body for the purposes of the definition of “religious marriage” contained in section 3A of the Divorce (Scotland) Act 1976.

That section gives a court in a divorce action the power to postpone granting decree until any impediment has been removed which would prevent a party to the action from entering into a future religious marriage. The section defines “religious marriage” by reference to the marriage being solemnised by a marriage celebrant of a religious body prescribed in regulations.