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Please find attached, responses to the above consultations from the Highland Council's Trading Standards Unit.

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CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT SMOKING, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 (VARIATION OF AGE LIMIT OF SALE OF TOBACCO PURCHASE AND CONSEQUENTIAL MODIFICATIONS) ORDER 2007 & PARTIAL RIA.

Response from The Highland Council, Transport, Environmental and Community Services - Trading Standards Unit

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Response

Q1 It is agreed that the age of purchase of tobacco and tobacco products should be raised to 18 as provided for in the draft Order and with the assumptions made in the partial RIA.

Q2 In preparation for the proposed change, it is essential to educate both the trade and public of the change and implementation date. It is felt that the Scottish Executive should take the lead in providing good communication with retailers to inform them of the implementation so they are prepared in good time for the change. It is suggested that information packs be sent to retailers, which would include a copies of the new statutory warning notices. The Executive should ensure there is sufficient publicity to inform the public of the change and date of implementation.

The period of time between the announcement of the change and its implementation is suggested to be around 6 months. Therefore "Option 2" (6-12 months) would be the preferred option, as this is considered would provide sufficient time for implementation and publicity.

It would be advantage to implement the proposed change on the same date as implementation of similar legislation in England and Wales on 1 October 2007 [Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc.) Order 2007].