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Chief Officers

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Dear Chief Officer

DEAR CHIEF OFFICER (SCOTLAND) LETTER 1/2011

A) THE FIRE SAFETY (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2010
B) CHANGES TO THE FIRELAW WEBSITE URL

THE FIRE SAFETY (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2010

1. The Fire Safety (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 come into force on 21 January 2011. The effect of these Regulations is to insert a new regulation into the Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006. This new regulation, 20A, places a duty on employers to consider the capabilities of their employees in relation to fire safety when entrusting any tasks to them. Regulation 20A reads as follows:

Capabilities

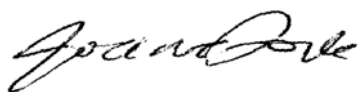
20A. *An employer with duties under section 53 must, when entrusting tasks to an employee, take into consideration the employee's capabilities as regards health and safety, so far as those capabilities relate to fire and are relevant to those tasks.*

2. Please bring this to the attention of all fire safety enforcement officers.

CHANGES TO THE FIRELAW WEBSITE URL

3. The FireLaw website is the Scottish Government's website resource for information on fire law in Scotland. The website was previously accessed at www.infoscotland.com/firelaw. This has been permanently changed, the website now has the URL www.firelawscotland.org.
4. Services will wish to update any links or references on their own websites and to incorporate the new address on any communications where the FireLaw website is referenced.

Yours faithfully



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