

**DETERMINATION UNDER Paragraph 8(1) of Part 2 of SCHEDULE 14,  
(Cremations) OF THE CORONAVIRUS ACT 2020 (C.7)**

The Scottish Ministers, being of the view that the incidence or transmission of coronavirus constitutes a serious and imminent threat to public health, and that the exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 8(1) of Part 2 of schedule 14 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”) will be an effective means of expediting the disposal of bodies and better utilise resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by that paragraph DETERMINE that—

Section 49 (offences relating to applications for cremation) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 is not to have effect in relation to the signing of the declaration in an application for cremation made under section 48(1) of the 2020 Act in accordance with the Cremation (Scotland) Regulations 2019<sup>1</sup> from 08 April 2020.

This Determination will be in effect until revoked by Determination of the Scottish Ministers under paragraph 8(2) of schedule 14 of the 2020 Act.

Signed by



**Mr Joe FitzPatrick  
Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing**

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