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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on the Draft Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill: A Response from SCOTSS

The Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards in Scotland, SCOTSS, is the professional body representing the lead officers for Scottish Local Authority Trading Standards Services. On behalf of the Society I welcome the opportunity to respond to the consultation of June 2007.

The Society would like to offer every possible support we can that will help secure Glasgow as the venue for the Commonwealth Games in 2014. We believe that Trading Standards may have a role to play ensuring successful implementation of a fair trading and anti-counterfeiting policy that will be central to the organisation of the event.

In relation to the areas identified in the Summary of Provision in the consultation document Trading Standards have possible interest in prohibiting unauthorised advertising and outdoor trading, unauthorised sale of Games tickets, and Enforcement Officers duties. In the UK and indeed Scotland, Trading Standards is the enforcement body with regulates the retail trade to ensure that there is a free and fair trading environment.

If enforcement officers are likely to include Trading Standards staff with experience of enforcing the Trade Marks Act 1994, the Trade Descriptions Act 1968, etc then the following factors need to be considered by the organising committee:

- **Jurisdiction of Local Authority based officers**

Trading Standards staff are based within departments of varying sizes throughout Scotland and they are authorised to work only within their own local authority area. The Organising Committee may wish to make provision for Enforcement Officers to be granted wider jurisdiction for the period of enforcement required. There is already precedent for this with the Scottish Illegal Moneylending Unit (SIMLU) who are authorised to work throughout Scotland