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## FAO the Chief Executive

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Dear sir/madam,

### **Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009**

The Scottish Government has issued a Direction under section 35(1) of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 (the FRM Act), which comes into force today. A copy is attached for your information. The Direction extends the deadline by which lead local authorities must publish a draft of the supplementary part of a local flood risk management plan to 31 March 2021.

Due to the way in which Section 35 of the FRM Act is worded, the Direction only relates to the supplementary part of a local flood risk management plan. However, the Scottish Government supports the proposal that lead local authorities should consult on both the supplementary and implementation parts of the local flood risk management plan at the same time. I understand that this approach was agreed via the Lead Local Authority Forum, and is essential if we are to align and co-ordinate the consultation on the local flood risk management plans with SEPA's consultation on the draft flood risk management strategies.

Closely aligning and co-ordinating these consultation requirements is an excellent example of the collaborative partnership based approach being taken to managing flooding by the responsible authorities in Scotland, and will help achieve an open, transparent and accessible consultation process.

Yours faithfully



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