**STATEMENT OF EXTENSION OF FESTIVE HOURS**

In terms of Section 67 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to grant a general extension of licensed hours for the festive period. This extension will apply as follows:-

Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th December 2023,

Christmas Day - Monday 25th December 2023,

Boxing Day - Tuesday 26th December 2023,

Hogmanay - Sunday 31st December 2023 and

New Year’s Day - Monday 1st January 2024, (**inclusive)** and will allow an extension of the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol during that period until **2am**.

This extension will only apply to on-sales and not to off-sales of alcohol.

There will be no general extensions out with these days although any applications for extended hours outwith the general extension will be considered on a case-by-case basis. It should be noted that such applications will require to be submitted no later than 2nd December.

There is no need for licensees to apply for the general extension to 2am. On sales premises can utilise these hours to the extent they considered appropriate.