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**Circular 26/2007: Production of Statutory Instruments**

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1. I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to this Department's circular 4/59, regarding the printing and publication of statutory instruments, and to state that the Instructions accompanying that circular, as subsequently amended, are hereby withdrawn and replaced by the **Guidelines on Electronic Statutory Instruments** prepared by the Working Group on Electronic Statutory Instruments.
2. The Guidelines – which can be found on the Better Regulation website at [www.betterregulation.ie](http://www.betterregulation.ie) – describe the electronic Statutory Instrument System, which was approved by the Government in Decision S260/15/35/0093A of 20 June 2007.
3. The main feature of the new system is that a Statutory Instrument must be converted into the required format for placing on websites and for printing **before** it can be signed by the relevant Minister or Authorised Officer.
4. When a Statutory Instrument is signed by the Minister it should be published in the PDF format on the public body's website as soon as possible after signature.
5. This circular and the associated guidelines should be brought to the attention of all relevant staff.

Mise le meas,

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Assistant Secretary