

**Islands (Scotland) Act 2018
Shetland Mapping Requirement**

Purpose

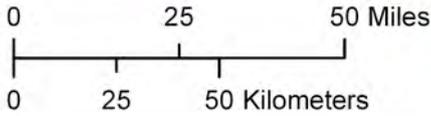
1. This paper provides information on the Shetland Mapping Requirement introduced by the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018.

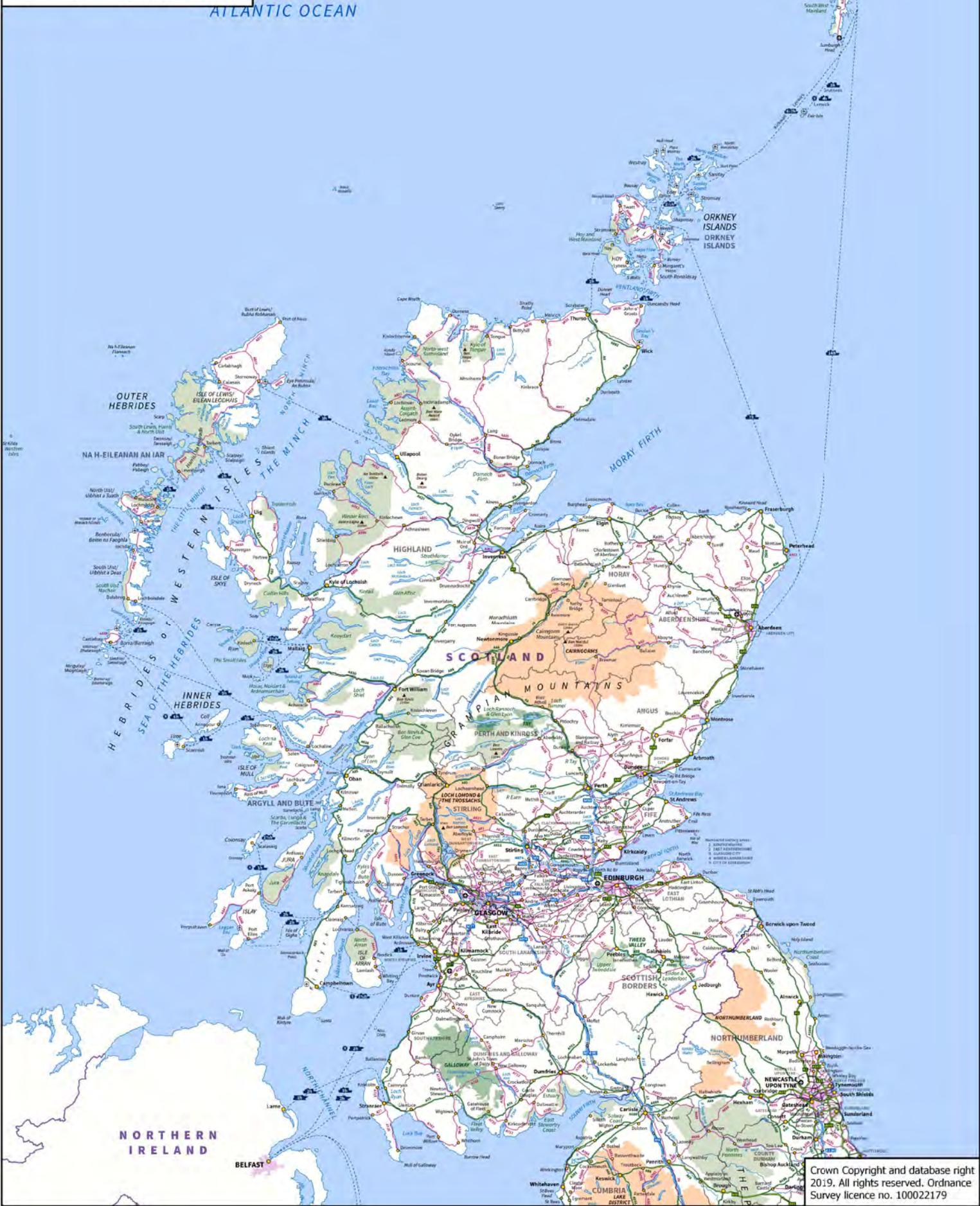
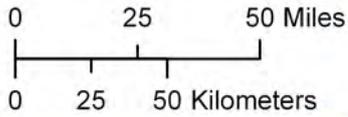
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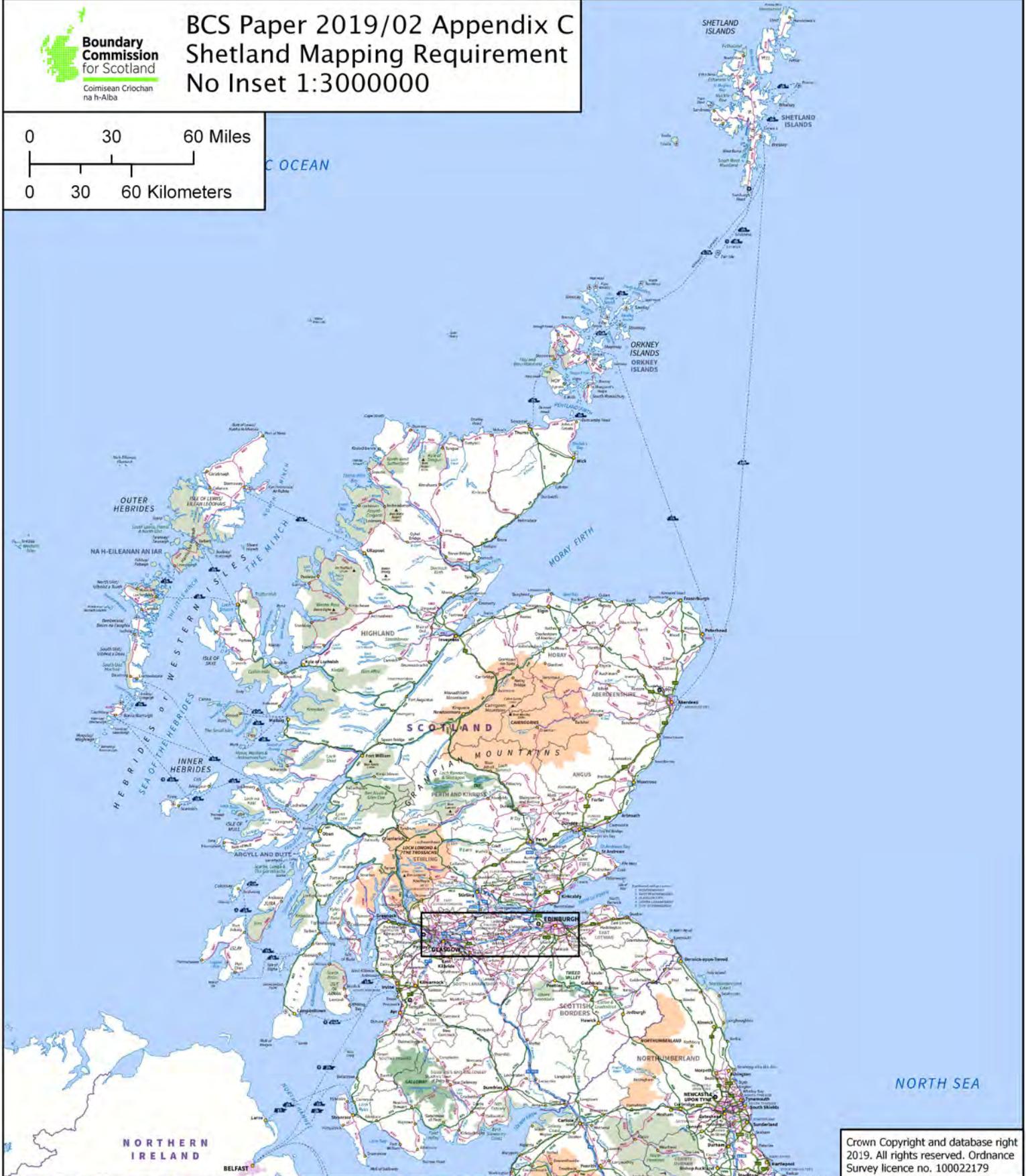
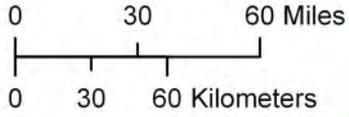
2. The Commission is invited to note Section 17 of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 which sets out:
 - s.17 (1) There is to be a Shetland mapping requirement.
 - (2) When publishing in any form a document that includes a map of Scotland, the Scottish Ministers, a local authority and any other Scottish public authority with mixed functions or no reserved functions must—
 - (a) comply with the Shetland mapping requirement, or
 - (b) where Ministers or, as the case may be, the authority consider that there are reasons not to comply, provide in such manner as they consider appropriate, information about those reasons.
 - (3) The Shetland mapping requirement is that, in any map of Scotland, the Shetland Islands must be displayed in a manner that accurately and proportionately represents their geographical location in relation to the rest of Scotland.
3. While the requirement does not apply to BCS as a reserved body, the Commission may nonetheless wish to consider whether it wishes to voluntarily adopt a similar policy. LGBCS will be considering the requirement at its meeting on 13 February.
4. The practical impact of application of this legislative requirement is demonstrated in Appendices A and B which show that, when mapping Scotland as a whole, to include the Shetland Islands on the map in their accurate geographical position has a significant impact on the scale of the map, the amount of detail it is possible to show and the amount of sea that is consequently represented on the map.
5. In presenting maps of Scotland, such as the 2018 Review of UK Parliament, the Commission has placed Shetland in its geographical location but placed the central belt in a box, see Appendix C.

Conclusion

6. The Commission is invited to consider the legislative requirement which will apply to LGBCS and whether it wishes to adopt its own policy regarding the Shetland mapping requirement.







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