

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order, which apart from article 2(2), (5) and (6) comes into force the day after the day on which it is made, makes supplemental provision in sections 112(1), 114(1) and 116(1) of the Police Act 1997 (c. 50) in its application to Scotland. Provision is made in consequence of provision made by the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), which inserted sections 113A and 113B into the Police Act 1997.

The Order adjusts the wording of the enabling power in those sections so as specifically to enable prescription of the manner in which application forms can be sent, and so as to enable prescription of the manner in which the fee accompanying the application should be submitted.

The Order also clarifies the meaning of “police force” in section 120A of, and corrects minor typographical errors in, the Police Act 1997, in provisions which are inserted by the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005.