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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 by adding an entry for the Chairman, and other members, of the Scottish Land Court to the list of relevant offices in Schedule 5 to that Act (article 2(1)). Persons holding an office listed in Schedule 5 to that Act are subject to the retirement provisions set out in section 26 of that Act.

Pursuant to Council [Directive 2000/78/EC](#) of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation (OJ L 303 02.12.2000 p.16), this Order also amends the Scottish Land Court Act 1993 so as to remove the compulsory retirement age for members of the Scottish Land Court set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to that Act (article 2(2)(a)).

Article 2(2)(b) makes a further amendment to the Scottish Land Court Act 1993 in consequence of article 2(1) and (2)(a).

No business regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for this Order as no impact upon businesses, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.