EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for the grant by the Legal Services Commission of a provisional right to publicly funded representation in cases of investigations of serious or complex fraud governed by the Attorney General's Guidelines on plea discussions in cases of serious or complex fraud. They also provide for the circumstances in which such orders must be withdrawn. The Regulations will cease to have effect on 31st December 2011.

An impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on businesses, charities or voluntary bodies.