

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The purpose of these Regulations is to implement Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9th July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 339/93 (O.J. L218, 13.8.2008, pp 30-47) insofar as it relates to accreditation.

The Regulations make provision for the appointment of UKAS as the national accreditation body (regulation 3), the payment of fees to UKAS in respect of performance by it of functions under the EC Regulation (regulation 4), appeals in relation to accreditation decisions by UKAS (regulation 5) and the provision of information to the Secretary of State (regulation 6). The appointment of a single national accreditation body is required by Article 4(1) of Regulation 765/2008 and Article 5(5) requires provision to be made in relation to appeals.

The Schedule to the Regulations makes provision in relation to appeals.

As these Regulations do not in themselves have an impact on the costs of the business, voluntary or public sectors, no impact assessment has been produced in relation to them.