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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes provision in consequence of the coming into force of certain provisions of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (“the Act”) on 22nd September 2015. This Order comes into force on the same date.

Article 3 of, and the Schedules to, the Order make provision modifying primary and secondary legislation.

The modifications are principally in consequence of provisions of the Act which—

provide for the exclusive competence of a sheriff (Schedule 1); and

establish the Sheriff Appeal Court in respect of its criminal competence and jurisdiction (Schedule 2 which applies subject to transitional provisions).