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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations make provision for the transfer into the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland of the functions and members of the Homeowner Housing Panel. The First-tier Tribunal was set up by section 1 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014. It is divided into chambers, with the chambers hearing cases according to the subject-matter of the case. The First-tier Tribunal Housing and Property Chamber hears cases previously dealt with by the Homeowner Housing Panel.

These Regulations also make consequential amendments to the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011, largely substituting references to the Homeowner Housing Panel with references to the First-tier Tribunal, with similar substituted references made to the Code of Conduct of Property Factors. Transitional provisions are made to manage the transfer of on-going casework. When this instrument comes into force on 1st December 2016, all applications to the Homeowner Housing Panel not yet determined transfer to the First-tier Tribunal, including applications not yet accepted as validly made.