## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force particular sections of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 ("the Act").

Regulation 2(1) and the schedule bring into force on 1st December 2017, sections 1 to 6, 9 and 10, 13 to 16, 18 to 21, 23, 25 to 33, 34(1), 35 to 42, 44 to 60, 63 to 75. Sections 7, 17, 22, 24, 43, 61 and 62 are commenced insofar as not already in force. Schedules 1, 3 and 5 are commenced. Schedule 4 is commenced under exception of paragraph 5. Paragraph 5 is not being commenced as it is a consequential amendment to section 130B of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (which ceased to have effect on 1st April 2013) which is not required.

Regulation 3 is a saving provision in relation to short assured tenancies which have been entered into prior to 1st December 2017 and, in certain circumstances, entered into on or after 1st December 2017.

The Bill for the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 received Royal Assent on 22nd April 2016. Section 79(1) of the Act brought into force sections 76, 77, 78, 79 and 80 on the following day.