

These notes refer to the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (c.33) which received Royal Assent on 18 December 2013

FINANCIAL SERVICES (BANKING REFORM) ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 5 – Regulation of Payment Systems

“Payment system” etc

Section 42: Participants in payment systems etc

232. *Section 42* defines three classes of persons to be regarded as “participants” in a payment system: “operators”, “infrastructure providers” and “payment service providers”. *Subsection (6)* describes what it means for a payment service provider to have “direct access” to a payment system. *Subsection (7)* makes provision for what the term “participation” may include in relation to operators of, and payment service providers with direct access to, payment systems. *Subsection (8)* ensures that the Bank of England would not be regarded as any category of participant.