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HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Home Information Pack (Redress Scheme) Order 2007

Made - - - - - *24th February 2007*

Laid before Parliament *1st March 2007*

Coming into force - - - *1st June 2007*

The Secretary of State has approved a redress scheme pursuant to section 173 of the Housing Act 2004(a) and makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 172 of that Act.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Home Information Pack (Redress Scheme) Order 2007 and shall come into force on 1st June 2007.

Requirement to belong to an approved redress scheme

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), every estate agent shall be required to be a member of an approved redress scheme.

(2) The requirement in paragraph (1) does not apply to an estate agent who does not engage in estate agency work within the meaning of section 1 of the Estate Agents Act 1979(b).

24th February 2007

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Minister for Trade,
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(a) 2004 c.34.
(b) 1979 c.38.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order requires estate agents in England and Wales to be members of an approved redress scheme for the purpose of dealing with complaints related to Home Information Packs. The Secretary of State has approved, pursuant to section 173 of the Housing Act 2004, a redress scheme to be run by the Ombudsman for Estate Agents and details of the scheme are available on the DTI website. The requirement to belong to an approved redress scheme only applies to persons who engage in estate agency work as defined in section 1 of the Estate Agents Act 1979. A Regulatory Impact Assessment in respect of this Order is available and a copy can be obtained from the Department of Trade and Industry or from its website at www.dti.gov.uk.

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