
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force, on 8 September 2008, certain provisions of Parts 1 and 2 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (“the Act”). As regards Part 1, the provisions commenced (by article 2) are those relating to the establishment, constitution, objects and initial proceedings of the new Homes and Communities Agency (as to which see section 1 of the Act). As regards Part 2, the provisions commenced (by article 3) are those relating similarly to the establishment etc. of the new Office for Tenants and Social Landlords (referred to in Part 2 as “the regulator”, as to which see further section 81 of the Act), and powers to permit consultation etc. in preparation for certain actions to be taken by the regulator or the Secretary of State. Article 3 also makes transitory provision to permit consultation to be carried out before Part 2 is brought fully into force. Article 4 commences other provisions on 22 September 2008, for consistency (as regards section 317 of the Act) with other statutory regimes, and (as regards part of section 321(1) and Schedule 6) with the way in which related provisions are commenced by the Act itself.