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1. Amendment of the Sharing of State Scheme Rights (Provision of Information and Valuation) (No.2) Regulations 2000
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Explanatory Note

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