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**The European Union (Recognition of
Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015**

PART 5

Automatic recognition on the basis of common training principles

Common training framework

64.—(1) A “common training framework” means a common set of minimum knowledge, skills and competences necessary for the pursuit of a profession that entitles the holder of qualifications acquired under that common training framework to automatic recognition in a relevant European state.

(2) A competent authority for a profession referred to in paragraph (1) must—

- (a) within three months of entry into force of a delegated act of the Commission establishing a common training framework pursuant to Article 49a(4) of the Directive notify the Secretary of State for the purpose of informing the Commission and other relevant European states of the national qualifications and national titles if applicable that comply with the common training framework; or
- (b) within three months of entry into force of the delegated act referred to in sub-paragraph (a) notify the Secretary of State that the United Kingdom should claim an exemption from introducing the common training framework and from the obligation of granting automatic recognition to the professional qualification acquired under the common training framework under one of the grounds set out in Article 49a(5) of the Directive providing justification for claiming the exemption.

(3) The competent authority must give evidence of professional qualifications acquired on the basis of a common training framework the same effect in the United Kingdom as the evidence of formal qualifications it issues for the purpose of enabling the holder of such qualifications to access and pursue the profession on its territory.

(4) Paragraph (3) shall not apply in cases where the United Kingdom is exempted from the obligation to introduce a common training framework.

Common training test

65.—(1) A “common training test” means a standardised aptitude test relating to a particular professional qualification.

(2) A competent authority responsible for awarding the professional qualification referred to in paragraph (1) must—

- (a) within three months of entry into force of a delegated act of the Commission establishing a common training test pursuant to Article 49b(4) of the Directive notify the Secretary of State for the purpose of informing the Commission and other relevant European states the available capacity for organising a common training test; or

- (b) within three months of entry into force of the delegated act referred to in sub-paragraph (a) notify the Secretary of State that the United Kingdom should claim an exemption from organising a common training test and from the obligation of granting automatic recognition to professionals who have passed the test under one of the grounds set out in Article 49b(5) of the Directive providing justification for claiming the exemption.
- (3) The competent authority must permit the holder of a particular professional qualification who has passed the common training test to pursue the profession in the United Kingdom under the same conditions as the UK holders of those professional qualifications.
- (4) Paragraph (3) shall not apply in cases where the United Kingdom is exempted from the obligation to introduce a common training test.