

<b>Summary: Intervention &amp; Options</b>		
<b>Department /Agency:</b> HMT	<b>Title:</b> Impact Assessment of the <b>The Heritable Bank Plc Transfer Certain Rights and Liabilities Order 2008</b>	
<b>Stage:</b> Implementation	<b>Version:</b> 1	<b>Date:</b> 7 October 2008
<b>Related Publications:</b> The Banking (Special Provisions) Act 2008		

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**What is the problem under consideration? Why is government intervention necessary?**

Protecting the public interest and maintaining stability of the UK financial system in circumstances where the Financial Services Authority has determined that a deposit taker is no longer meeting its threshold conditions for authorisation.

**What are the policy objectives and the intended effects?**

To support financial stability; to protect depositors' money; and to protect the interests of the taxpayer.

**What policy options have been considered? Please justify any preferred option.**

The purpose of the Order is to transfer the retail deposit book of Heritable into temporary public ownership in order to rapidly payout retail depositors. The Government has considered a number of options and considers this to be the best solution having weighed up the various competing considerations.

When will the policy be reviewed to establish the actual costs and benefits and the achievement of the desired effects?  
The Government will review the costs and benefits of this action after all retail depositors of Heritable have been paid out.

**Ministerial Sign-off** For Impact Assessments:  
*I have read the Impact Assessment and I am satisfied that (a) it represents a fair and reasonable view of the expected costs, benefits and impact of the policy, and (b) the benefits justify the costs.*  
Signed by the responsible Minister:  
.....Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October  
2009