

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision for the transfer to the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland of the functions of the private rented housing committees. The First-tier Tribunal was set up by section 1 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014. It is divided into chambers, with the chambers hearing cases according to the subject-matter of the case. The First-tier Tribunal Housing and Property Chamber hears cases previously dealt with by the Private Rented Housing Committees.

These Regulations also make consequential amendments to legislation, largely substituting references to the Private Rented Housing Committees with references to the First-tier Tribunal. Transitional provisions are made to manage the transfer of on-going casework. When this instrument comes into force on 1st December 2016, all applications to the Private Rented Housing Committees not yet determined transfer to the First-tier Tribunal, including applications not yet accepted as validly made.