

## 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 and members of the Private Rented Housing Panel. 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 Panel.

These Regulations also make consequential amendments to legislation, largely substituting references to the Private Rented Housing Panel with references to the First-tier Tribunal, with similar amendments made to documents issued in terms of section 30A of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988, comprising the Tenant Information Pack. 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 Panel not yet determined transfer to the First-tier Tribunal, including applications not yet accepted as validly made.