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**2014 No.**

**The Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc) Order 2014**

**Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc) Order 2014.

(2) This article comes into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), articles 2, 3 and 4 of this Order come into force on 1st April 2014.

(4) Article 3(1)(g) and paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 (repeal of reference to the National Consumer Council in Schedule 1 to the Public Bodies Act 2011) come into force on 2nd April 2014.

(5) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), article 5 of this Order comes into force on 31st March 2014.

(6) Article 5(3)(a)(ii) and paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 (repeal of reference to the Office of Fair Trading in Schedule 5 to the Public Bodies Act 2011) come into force on 1st April 2014.

(7) Paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 (provision of information to the lead enforcement authority by the OFT) comes into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(8) An amendment or repeal made by this Order has the same extent as the enactment to which it relates.

(9) In this Order—

“the 1979 Act” means the Estate Agents Act 1979(1);

“the 2002 Act” means the Enterprise Act 2002(2);

“the 2007 Act” means the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007(3);

“the 2007 Regulations” means the Money Laundering Regulations 2007(4);

“Citizens Advice” means the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux(5);

“Citizens Advice Scotland” means the Scottish Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux(6);

“CMA” means the Competition and Markets Authority(7);

“the Commissioners” means the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;

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(1) 1979 c. 38; relevant amendments were made by the 2002 Act and the 2007 Act.

(2) 2002 c. 40.

(3) 2007 c. 17; relevant amendments were made by the Pensions Act 2011 (c. 19), the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 asp 8, the Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), the Financial Services Act 2012 (c. 21), S.I. 2011/2704 and S.I. 2012/2400.

(4) S.I. 2007/2157.

(5) The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux is a company limited by guarantee, formed and registered under the Companies Act 2006 (c. 46) with the company number 1436945, and a registered charity with the number 279057.

(6) The Scottish Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux is a company limited by guarantee, formed and registered under the Companies Act 2006 with the company number SC089892, and a registered charity with the number SC016637.

(7) The Competition and Markets Authority was established by section 25 of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24).

“the First-tier Tribunal” means the First-tier Tribunal constituted under section 3(1) of the Tribunal, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007<sup>(8)</sup>”

“the GCCNI” means the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland<sup>(9)</sup>;

“the lead enforcement authority” means Powys County Council;

“the National Consumer Council” means the National Consumer Council established by section 1 of the 2007 Act;

“the OFT” means the Office of Fair Trading established by section 1 of the 2002 Act.

(10) A reference in this Order to a consumer advocacy body is a reference to—

- (a) Citizens Advice,
- (b) Citizens Advice Scotland, or
- (c) the GCCNI.

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<sup>(8)</sup> 2007 c. 15.

<sup>(9)</sup> The General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland was established by the [General Consumer Council \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1984 No. 1822 \(N.I.12\)](#) as amended by the [Electricity \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1992 No. 231 \(N.I.1\)](#), the [Audit and Accountability \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2003 No. 418 \(N.I.5\)](#), the [Energy \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2003 No. 419 \(N.I.6\)](#), the [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), the [Water and Sewage Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 No. 3336 \(N.I.21\)](#) and the [Transport Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 11\)](#).