These notes refer to the Immigration Act 2014 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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Section 43: Power to amend

- 203. In *subsection (1)*, paragraph (a) provides that the Treasury may, by order, amend sections 40 to 42 to alter the categories of financial institutions to which those sections apply. This is an anti-avoidance measure, in case in future it becomes necessary to extend the prohibition set out in section 40 to institutions such as credit unions.
- 204. *Paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subsection (1)* allow the Treasury, by order, to amend section 40 to make the prohibition apply to different kinds of accounts (including other financial products by means of which a payment can be made), beyond or instead of current accounts, to define such categories of accounts and to further define accounts operated or to be operated by or for a person or body of a description that will be specified in the order. This is largely an anti-avoidance measure, in case in future it becomes necessary to alter the ambit of the prohibition to cover financial products other than current accounts (for example savings accounts, or to clarify the types of accounts that are covered).
- 205. Subsection (2) provides that such an order may amend sections 40 to 42 to confer order making powers upon the Treasury itself so that, for example, details of persons or bodies to whose accounts the prohibition in section 40(1) will not apply can be specified in secondary legislation.
- 206. Orders under this section are subject to the affirmative resolution procedure (see section 74(2)).