

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 in relation to England and Scotland. The Act is brought into force on 7th September 2004 for the purpose of enabling orders to be made under sections 19, 21 and 36 of the Act. The rest of the Act is brought into force on 1st October 2004.

The Order also makes savings for the Fire Services Act 1947, which is repealed by the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, in relation to charges for services provided before, or contracted to be provided before, 1st October 2004, or in relation to trading activities carried out on or before, or contracted to be provided on or before, 31st March 2005.