EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE EDUCATION (STUDENT SUPPORT) (EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS) (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) REGULATIONS 2008

2008 No. 3054

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1 The instrument provides for support for a small number of students taking designated postgraduate courses at one of three European Institutions: the Bologna Center in Bologna, Italy; the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium or Natolin, Poland; or the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None.

4. Legislative Context

4.1 The instrument is necessary to amend the dates for applications for student support, the thresholds for determining student support and the levels of support set out in the Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (No 2) Regulations 2006 to meet the new academic year 2009/10.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies to England.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

• What is being done and why

7.1 To set out the package of financial support available to students for the 2009/10 academic year.

The amounts of support available have been increased in line with inflation, for the 2009/10 academic year. The dates for support applications have been changed to fit the 2009/10 academic year.

• Consolidation

7.2 The instrument amends the Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (No 2) Regulations 2006 as amended by the Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3344) and the Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I 2008/1478). There is no intention to consolidate the relevant legislation.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1 There is no statutory requirement to consult and no consultation has been performed.

9. Guidance

9.1 None.

10. Impact

- 10.1 The impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies is none.
- 10.2 The impact on the public sector is minimal.
- 10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

11.1 The legislation does not apply to small business.

12. Monitoring & review

12.1 The Regulations will be kept under review and in particular we will be monitoring the views of stakeholders.

13. Contact

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