

**2009 No. 801**

**HOUSING**

**The Abolition of the Commission for the New Towns and the  
Urban Regeneration Agency (Appointed Day and Consequential  
Amendments) Order 2009**

*Made* - - - - *26th March 2009*

*Coming into force* - - *1st April 2009*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 49, 50(1) and 320 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008(a), makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and extent**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Abolition of the Commission for the New Towns and the Urban Regeneration Agency (Appointed Day and Consequential Amendments) Order 2009 and shall come into force on 1st April 2009.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales.

**Appointed day**

**2.** The day appointed for the purposes of sections 49 and 50(1) of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (abolition of the Urban Regeneration Agency(b) and the Commission for the New Towns(c)) is 1st April 2009.

**Consequential amendments**

**3.**—(1) The Redundancy Payments (Continuity of Employment in Local Government, etc) (Modification) Order 1999(d) is amended, in Schedule 1, by the omission of paragraph 44 of section 2.

(2) The Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 1998(e) are amended, in Schedule 2, by the omission of paragraph 7.

(3) The Town and Country Planning (Simplified Planning Zones) Regulations 1992(f) are amended as follows—

(a) in regulation 2 (interpretation)—

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(a) 2008 c.17.

(b) The URA is the body corporate established by section 158 of the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 (c.28).

(c) The CNT is the body corporate established by section 35 of the New Towns Act 1981 (c.64).

(d) SI 1999/2277.

(e) SI 1998/2573.

(f) SI 1992/2414, amended by SI 1994/267. There are other amendments not relevant to this Order.

- (i) in the definition of “designated area”, for “section 170(2) of the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993” substitute “section 13 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008”;
  - (ii) after the entry for “duly made” insert—  
““Homes and Communities Agency” means the Homes and Communities Agency established by section 1 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008;”;
  - (iii) omit the entry for “Urban Regeneration Agency”; and
- (b) in regulation 3 (consultation and notification), in paragraph 1(e) for “Urban Regeneration Agency” substitute “Homes and Communities Agency”.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

26th March 2009

*Kay Andrews*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Communities and Local Government

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order appoints 1st April 2009 as the day on which, by virtue of sections 49 and 50(1) of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, the Commission for the New Towns (“the CNT”) and the Urban Regeneration Agency (“the URA”) will cease to exist. It also makes related consequential amendments.

Most of the Homes and Communities Agency’s powers were commenced on 1st December 2008 by virtue of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional, Saving and Transitory Provisions) Order 2008 (SI 2008/3068). That Order (and other orders made under the 2008 Act) contained provisions which ensure, as far as necessary, that anything done by the predecessor bodies (the CNT and the URA) is treated as if done by the Homes and Communities Agency (or Welsh Ministers, as the case may be) and that anything being done by the CNT or the URA immediately before 1st December 2008 may be continued by the Homes and Communities Agency (or Welsh Ministers, as the case may be).

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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