

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order specifies a matter that is to be taken into account by the Office of Fair Trading (“OFT”) when fixing the fee that is to be paid under sections 2(4) and 6A of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (“the 1974 Act”). This Order allows the OFT to set fees for carrying out its functions under the 1974 Act, at a level which takes into account past deficits as well as current costs, until the expiry of this Order on 31st March 2013.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available from the Consumer and Competition Policy Directorate of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.