

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 2 of this Order appoints 1st May 2012 as the day on which the provisions mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of that article come into force. Section 41(1) of the Digital Economy Act 2010, and paragraphs 2 to 4, 6 to 9 and 10(2) of Schedule 1 to the 2010 Act, make amendments to the Video Recording Act 1984 so that a new authority may be designated under section 4 of that Act as the authority responsible for making arrangements in respect of video games. The Secretary of State will lay a proposed designation for the “video games authority” before both Houses of Parliament and in accordance with the procedure specified in section 5 of the 1984 Act.

This Order also appoints 1st May 2012 as the day on which section 45 comes into force for the purpose of the repeals mentioned in Schedule 2 of the 2010 Act relating to section 4 and 22 of the Video Recordings Act 1984.