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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations implement legislative changes that arise from the commencement of provisions of the Civil Aviation Act 2012 (“the 2012 Act”) that are concerned with the regulation of operators of dominant airports. Those provisions are commenced by the Civil Aviation Act 2012 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional, Transitory and Savings Provisions) Order 2013 ([S.I. 2013/589\(C. 23\)](#)) (“the 2013 Order”). In particular, section 76(1) of the 2012 Act repeals Part IV of the Airports Act 1986 and section 76(2) revokes Part IV of the Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994.

Regulations 2(1) and 3(1) of, and Schedule 1 and 2 to, these Regulations amend legislation that refers to Part IV of the Airports Act 1986 or Part IV of the Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 to reflect the repeal of those Parts, in particular to remove references to those Parts and insert references to the 2012 Act. Regulations 2(2) and 3(2) of these Regulations revoke the statutory instruments that are in part based on Part IV of the Airports Act 1986 or Part IV of the Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994. The differing coming into force dates for regulation 2 and Schedule 1 on the one hand and regulation 3 and Schedule 2 on the other are for consistency with the dates for coming into force of provisions of the 2012 Act set out in the 2013 Order.

The Economic Regulation of Airports (Designation) Order 1986 ([S.I. 1986/1502](#)), the Economic Regulation of Airports (Expenses of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission) Regulations 1997 ([S.I. 1997/403](#)) and the Economic Regulation of Airports (Designation) Order (Amendment) Order 2008 ([S.I. 2008/2702](#)) derive from powers wholly within Part IV of the Airports Act 1986 and are impliedly revoked with the repeal of Part IV of the Airports Act 1986.