

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is the first commencement order made under the Intellectual Property Act 2014 (“the Act”) and brings into force section 10(2) of the Act only to the extent necessary to appoint the appointed person. The appointed person will be able to hear and determine appeals under United Kingdom design law. Section 10(2) of the Act inserts new sections 27A and 27B into the Registered Designs Act 1949. Under new section 27A(1), the Lord Chancellor is responsible for making the appointment of the appointed person. New section 27B sets out the eligibility criteria, as well as the process for appointment and removal of an appointed person.