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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings into force on 1st April 2014 the provisions in sections 29 and 30 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (“the 2003 Act”) so as to allow the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA), a new executive agency of the Department of Transport, to institute criminal proceedings by issuing a written charge and requisition.

The Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement Order No 16) Order 2007 ([SI 2007/1999](#)), the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement Order No 21) Order 2008 ([SI 2008/1424](#)), the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement Order No 23) Order 2009 ([SI 2009/2879](#)) and the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement Order No 25) Order 2010 ([SI 2010/3005](#)) commenced the same provisions in the 2003 Act in relation to other specified proceedings.

In particular, [SI 2010/3005](#) commenced the provisions in sections 29 and 30 of the 2003 Act in relation to the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (“VOSA”). VOSA has now been merged with the Driving Standards Agency to form the DVSA.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this Order as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.