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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 696**

The Electronic Identification and Trust Services  
for Electronic Transactions Regulations 2016

PART 3

Miscellaneous

**Transitional provisions and revocations**

4.—(1) The Electronic Signatures Regulations 2002 are revoked.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, a qualified certificate issued pursuant to regulation 2 of the 2002 Regulations is to be treated as a qualified certificate for electronic signature pursuant to Article 3(15) of the eIDAS Regulation until it expires.

**Consequential amendments**

5. Schedule 3 has effect.

**Review**

6.—(1) The Secretary of State must from time to time—

- (a) carry out a review of these Regulations;
- (b) set out the conclusions of the review in a report; and
- (c) publish the report.

(2) In carrying out the review the Secretary of State must, so far as is reasonable, have regard to how the eIDAS Regulation is implemented in other Member States.

(3) The report must in particular—

- (a) set out the objectives intended to be achieved by the regulatory system established by these Regulations;
- (b) assess the extent to which those objectives are achieved; and
- (c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate and, if so, the extent to which they could be achieved by a system that imposes less regulation.

(4) The first report under this regulation must be published before the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which these Regulations come into force.

(5) Reports under this regulation are afterwards to be published at intervals not exceeding 5 years.