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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations are made under section 70A of the Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22) and amend the Immigration Skills Charge Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/499) (“the 2017 Regulations”).

The 2017 Regulations provide that a sponsor, subject to certain exemptions, must pay a charge each time it assigns a certificate of sponsorship to a skilled worker. Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends the 2017 Regulations by adding exemptions to the requirement to pay the charge in respect of sponsored workers on the Scale-up route and also specific EU national intra-corporate transferees on the Global Business Mobility - Senior or Specialist Worker route who are covered by a commitment in the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement. The Scale-up route facilitates individuals who have the skills needed to enable a scale-up business to continue growing to come to or stay in the UK. The Global Business Mobility – Senior or Specialist Worker route facilitates overseas workers who are senior managers or specialist employees to come to or stay in the UK to undertake temporary work assignments with a UK business that is linked to their employer overseas.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.