

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends section 9(2) of the Wills Act 1837 (c. 26) to provide that the application of the provisions for witnessing of wills via live video link inserted by the Wills Act 1837 (Electronic Communications) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/952) is extended to wills made on or before 31st January 2024.

This Order also corrects a typographical error relating to formatting in article 3 of the Wills Act 1837 (Electronic Communications) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/952) to make clear that the words “prior to this Order coming into force” apply to the provisions of both (a) and (b) in that article and is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that Statutory Instrument.

No impact assessment has been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.