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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations set out the detailed arrangements necessary for the conduct in Wales of the census directed to be taken on the 27 March 2011 by the Census (England and Wales) Order 2009 (“the Census Order”). It also revokes the provisions of the Census Regulations 2000 (S.I.2000/1473) and the Census (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/3351) so far as they apply in relation Wales.

Regulation 4 provides for the division of Wales into census areas, co-ordinator areas and enumeration districts. It also provides for the appointment of persons to carry out the duties assigned to them under these Regulations.

Regulation 5 provides that a person required by the Census Order to make a return at the census will discharge their responsibility when the relevant questionnaire (available in English and Welsh), specified in Schedule 1 and which are set out in full in Schedules 2 to 4 to these Regulations, has been received by the UK Statistics Authority (“the Authority”). Regulations 6 to 12 provide detailed arrangements for the delivery, completion and return of the questionnaires.

Regulation 13 provides for follow-up action to be taken in the event that a questionnaire sent or delivered in accordance with these Regulations is not returned or is returned incomplete.

Regulations 14 and 15 make provision requiring information to be given to a prescribed person or a census officer. They also make provision to prevent the unauthorised use, publication and communication of information obtained for the purpose of the census and to ensure the safe custody of forms and documents.

Regulation 16 provides for the giving of either a statutory declaration or an undertaking concerning the confidentiality of information obtained as a result of the census by persons who will have access to that information.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business, local government and the voluntary sector is annexed to the explanatory memorandum.