STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 221

HOUSING, ENGLAND

The Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Prescribed Description) (England) Order 2018

Made - - - -	*20th February 2018*
Laid before Parliament	*23rd February 2018*
Coming into force - -	*1st October 2018*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 55(3) and 250(2)(a) and (b) of the Housing Act 2004(**1**).

Citation and Commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Prescribed Description) (England) Order 2018.

(2) This Order comes into force on 1st October 2018.

Application

2. This Order applies in relation to an HMO in England(**2**).

Interpretation

3. In this Order "the Act" means the Housing Act 2004.

Description of HMOs prescribed by the Secretary of State

4. An HMO is of a prescribed description for the purpose of section 55(2)(a) of the Act if it—

(a) is occupied by five or more persons;

(b) is occupied by persons living in two or more separate households; and

(c) meets—

(i) the standard test under section 254(2) of the Act;

(**1**) 2004 c.34. For the definition of appropriate national authority see section 261(1) of the Act.
(**2**) For the meaning of HMO see sections 77 and 254 to 259 of the Act.