STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 587 (C. 30)

DATA PROTECTION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Commencement No.11) Order 2015

Made - - - - 4th March 2015

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 120(1) of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012(**1**), makes the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Commencement No.11) Order 2015.

Commencement

2. The following provisions of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 come into force on 16th March 2015—

(a) section 105 (appointment and tenure of the Information Commissioner);

(b) section 115(2) in so far as it relates to the provisions of Schedule 10 to that Act specified in paragraph (c) below; and

(c) Part 8 of Schedule 10 (repeals and revocations) in so far as it repeals paragraph 2(4) and (5) of Schedule 5 to the Data Protection Act 1998(**2**) and section 18(5) to (7) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000(**3**).

Simon Hughes
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice

4th March 2015

(**1**) 2012 c. 9.
(**2**) 1998 c. 29.
(**3**) 2000 c. 36.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force section 105 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 ('the 2012 Act') on 16th March 2015. Section 105 of the 2012 Act makes provision relating to the appointment and tenure of the Information Commissioner. In particular, section 105 of the 2012 Act increases the maximum term of appointment for an Information Commissioner from 5 years to 7 years, amends the procedure for removing an Information Commissioner from office, and prohibits the re-appointment of an Information Commissioner for a further term of office. The Order also commences minor consequential repeals relating to section 105 of the 2012 Act and commences the repeal of spent transitional provisions in section 18 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.I.No.*
sections 1 to 12	31st October 2013	2013/1814
section 13 (partially)	31st October 2013	2013/1814
section 13 so far as not already in force	31st January 2014	2013/1814
section 14 (partially)	31st October 2013	2013/1814
sections 15 to 18	31st October 2013	2013/1814
section 19 (partially)	31st October 2013	2013/1814
section 19 (partially)	16th December 2014	2014/3315
section 20 (partially)	1st October 2012	2012/2234
section 20 so far as not already in force	31st October 2013	2013/1814
section 21	31st October 2013	2013/1814
section 22	1st October 2012	2012/2234
sections 23 to 25	31st October 2013	2013/1814
sections 26, 27 and 28 in relation to England	1st September 2013	2013/2104
sections 26, 27 and 28 in relation to Wales	1st September 2013	2013/1566
sections 29 to 36	1st July 2012	2012/1205
sections 37 and 38	1st November 2012	2012/2075
section 39(1)	1st July 2012	2012/1205
sections 40 and 41 in relation to England	1st July 2012	2012/1205
section 42	1st July 2012	2012/1205
section 43 in relation to England	1st July 2012	2012/1205