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**2006 No. 1082 (C. 36)**

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**The Equality Act 2006 (Commencement No.1) Order 2006**

*Made* - - - - *7th April 2006*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred on him by section 93 of the Equality Act 2006 (1).

**Citation and interpretation**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Equality Act 2006 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2006.  
(2) In this Order —  
“the 2006 Act” means the Equality Act 2006; and  
“the 1975 Act” means the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (2).

**Provisions coming into force on 18 April 2006**

2. The following provisions of the 2006 Act shall come into force on 18 April 2006—
- (a) sections 1 to 5;
  - (b) sections 33 to 39;
  - (c) section 40 for the purpose only of bringing into force paragraph 35(b) of Schedule 3;
  - (d) section 43(2);
  - (e) section 52(6);
  - (f) sections 70 and 71;
  - (g) sections 81 and 82;
  - (h) section 84 insofar as it inserts section 76A into the 1975 Act, for the purpose only of exercising any power to make orders under section 76B and 76C of the 1975 Act (as inserted by section 85 of the 2006 Act);
  - (i) section 85 insofar as it inserts sections 76B and 76C into the 1975 Act, for the purpose only of exercising any power to make orders;
  - (j) sections 87 to 90;
  - (k) section 92;

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(1) 2006 c. 3  
(2) 1975 c. 65

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- (l) Schedule 1; and
- (m) paragraph 35(b) of Schedule 3.

**Provisions coming into force on 4 December 2006**

- 3. Section 43(1) and (3) of the 2006 Act shall come into force on 4 December 2006

**Provisions coming into force on 6 April 2007**

- 4. The following provisions of the 2006 Act shall come into force on 6 April 2007—
  - (a) section 83; and
  - (b) sections 84 and 85 for all purposes other than those referred to in article 2.

7th April 2006

*Barry Gardiner*  
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Competitiveness  
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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order brings into force certain provisions of the Equality Act 2006 (c. 3). Article 2 lists those provisions of the 2006 Act that shall come into force on 18 April 2006. Article 3 specifies the provisions that shall come into force on 4 December 2006 and Article 4 lists those provisions that shall come into force on 6 April 2007.