
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is the first commencement order made under the Energy Act 2013 (c.32) (“the Act”).

Article 2 of this Order brings into force on 18th February 2014 section 70(3) of the Act, which enables the Secretary of State to prescribe fissile material for the purposes of the definition of “nuclear material” in that section. It also brings into force section 148 of the Act, which relates to fees for services provided for energy resilience purposes.

Article 3 brings into force on 10th March 2014 further provisions of Part 3 of the Act (nuclear regulation). It brings into force: section 77 (including Schedule 7), which establishes the Office for Nuclear Regulation (“the ONR”) as a body corporate; section 90(1) to (4), which allows the ONR to enter agreements with ministers, government departments and public authorities; sections 109 and 110, which make provisions in relation to notices; and a number of provisions of Schedule 12 that relate to the ONR.

Article 3 also brings into force on 10th March 2014 section 71 of the Act, which enables the Secretary of State to issue a notice specifying sensitive nuclear information, and section 93(2) to (5), which enables the Secretary of State to specify nuclear safeguards obligations and to do related things.

Article 4 brings into force on 1st April 2014 all the remaining provisions of Part 3 of the Act, apart from paragraph 74 of Schedule 12 to the Act.