
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are the fourth commencement Regulations made under the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4) (“the Act”).

Section 71 of the Act provides that section 3 and Schedules 1 and 2, which implement the new reserved powers model of devolution, come into force on the day appointed by the Secretary of State (“the Principal Appointed Day”). Regulation 2 provides that the Principal Appointed Day is 1st April 2018. In line with the requirements in section 71(3) of the Act, the Secretary of State has consulted with the Welsh Ministers and the Presiding Officer of the National Assembly for Wales before making these Regulations.

Section 71(4) of the Act provides that the Regulations made under section 71(3) may also appoint the date on which other provisions of the Act come into force. Regulation 3 commences the majority of the provisions of the Act on the same day as section 3 and Schedules 1 and 2, as they are directly linked to the reserved powers model of devolution provided for in section 3 of, and Schedules 1 and 2 to, the Act.

Regulation 4 provides that sections 23 and 25 of, and Part 2 of Schedule 6 are commenced on 1st October 2018.

Regulation 5 provides that sections 39 to 42 (so far as not already in force), and Part 3 of Schedule 6 (so far as not already in force) are commenced on 1st April 2019.