
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This is the first Commencement Order to be made under the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 (“the Act”). The Act extensively amends the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (“the 1995 Act”), and makes certain other provision.

The provisions referred to in articles 2 and 3 of this Order are brought into force on 30th June 2005.

Article 2(1) brings into force section 5 of the Act, which amends the 1995 Act as to the application of sections 19 to 21 (goods, facilities and services) of that Act to transport vehicles, and section 16(2) and paragraph 28(1) to (5) and (7) of Schedule 1, concerning codes of practice. The extent of section 16(2) is limited to England and Wales (section 20(9)).

Article 2(1) also brings into force various minor amendments and repeals to the 1995 Act.

Article 2(2) brings into force, for the purpose only of exercising any power to make regulations, orders or rules of court, a number of provisions amending the 1995 Act.

Article 3 brings into force the “blue badge provisions”, the extent of which is limited to England and Wales (section 20(8)), in relation to England only. The blue badge provisions are: section 9, Part 2 of Schedule 1, certain entries in Schedule 2 and section 19 so far as it relates to those provisions in those Schedules (section 20(10)).