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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations correct errors in the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/293) (“the 2004 Regulations”) which were introduced in amendments made to those regulations by the European Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/186) (“the 2009 Regulations”). Regulation 2(2) amends rule 53(3) of the European Parliamentary elections rules contained in Schedule 1 to the 2004 Regulations (as substituted by the 2009 Regulations) to provide that, while counting the votes, a local returning officer must take all proper precautions for preventing any person from seeing the numbers or other unique identifying marks printed on the back of the ballot papers.

The amendments in regulation 2(3) rectify minor errors in Schedule 2 to the 2004 Regulations (as substituted by the 2009 Regulations).

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.