

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**  
**THE REGISTERED DESIGNS (FEES) (NO.2) RULES 2006**

**2006 No. 2617**

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Trade and Industry and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

**2. Description**

2.1 These Rules prescribe the fees payable for matters under the Registered Designs Act 1949.

**3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

3.1 These Rules were laid less than 21 days before they came into force. This is a result of an error in rule 2 of the Registered Designs (Fees) Rules 2006 (SI 2006/2424) being detected. These Rules revoke and replace those Rules. The Consultation and Guidance published on the changes to the fees structure reflects the law as prescribed by these Rules.

3.2 Businesses and users of the new system are therefore expecting the fee structure to reflect that set out in these Rules.

3.3 The Department regrets that this error was not detected earlier. These Rules are being issue free of charge to any known recipient of the earlier Rules.

**4. Legislative background**

4.1 These rules are made under sections 29 to 31 and 36 of the Registered Designs Act 1949.

4.2 The Treasury has given its consent to the making of these Rules.

**5. Extent**

This instrument extends to all of the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man. The Manx Government has been consulted and is content.

**6. European Convention on Human Rights**

As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

**7. Policy Background**

7.1 These Rules replace the Registered Designs (Fees) Rules 2006 in their entirety. However, the only change between those Rules and these Rules is that the correct

version of rule 2 is now included and a minor clarification was made to the entry in the Schedule relating to Form DF2C.

## **8. Impact**

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared. However, the Assessment attached to the Memorandum on the Registered Designs (Fees) Rules 2006 accurately reflects the changes made by these Rules.

## **9. Contact**

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