

Statutory Instrument Practice

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1. Following discussion with the House of Lords Procedure Committee it has been agreed that whenever a department is required to notify the Lord Speaker of any instrument where it has been necessary to bring it into force before it could be laid that the letter explaining why copies were not laid before it came into force should, in future, also be copied to the Chairman of the House of Lords Merits of Statutory Instruments Committee and to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.
2. Although these arrangements have been agreed in response to a request from the House of Lords Procedure Committee, departments should also ensure that the Chairman of the House of Commons Select Committee on Statutory Instruments should similarly be copied into the letter which is sent to the Speaker of the House of Commons where an instrument to be laid before the House of Commons alone has been brought into force before it could be laid before that House.
3. These changes will be reflected in the new edition of *Statutory Instrument Practice* which will be published shortly.

Enquiries

4. Any enquiries regarding the content of this circular should be addressed to the SI Registrar (email: siregistrar@opsi.x.gsi.gov.uk).