



**Certificate of Approval of a Prospectus  
in accordance with Articles 5:10 and 5:11 of the Netherlands Act on Financial Supervision  
(transposing Articles 17 and 18 of Directive 2003/71/EC)**

**To:**

BUNDESANSTALT FÜR FINANZDIENSTLEISTUNGSAUFSICHT(BaFin) (GERMANY)  
FINANCIAL MARKET AUTHORITY (FMA) (AUSTRIA)  
COMMISSION BANCAIRE, FINANCIERE ET DES ASSURANCES (CBFA) (BELGIUM)  
COMISIÓN NACIONAL DEL MERCADO DE VALORES (CNMV) (SPAIN)  
COMISSÃO DO MERCADO DE VALORES MOBILIÁRIOS (CMVM) (PORTUGAL)  
AUTORITÉ DES MARCHÉS FINANCIERS (AMF) (FRANCE)  
CENTRAL BANK OF IRELAND (IRELAND)  
COMMISSIONE NAZIONALE PER LE SOCIETA E LA BORSA (CONSOB) (ITALY)  
COMMISSION DE SURVEILLANCE DU SECTEUR FINANCIER (CSSF) (LUXEMBOURG)  
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FINANSSIVALVONTA (FINLAND)  
FINANSTILSYNET (DENMARK)  
FINANSINSPEKTIONEN (SWEDEN)  
FINANSTILSYNET (NORWAY)

**From:**

Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets

We hereby certify that the Base Prospectus detailed below has been drawn up in accordance with national law transposing Directive 2003/71/EC and was approved by us on May 26, 2011.

**Name of Issuer:**

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

**Registered Office/Seat:**

Edinburgh, Scotland

**Type of Securities (references to the annexes of Regulation EC 809/2004 according to which the prospectus was drawn up):**

Annex V, XI, XII

The Base Prospectus relating to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc in respect of the LaunchPAD Programme relating to Notes

**Guarantor (if any):**

Not applicable

**Attachments:**

- (1) Base Prospectus dated May 27, 2011
- (2) Translations of the Summary

Date: May 27, 2011  
Reference: TEOB-MZe-11050102

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