



**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)
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FINANSTILSYNET (NORWAY)
POLISH FINANCIAL SUPERVISION AUTHORITY (POLAND)

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 25, 2012.

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 25, 2012
- (2) Translations of the Summary

Date: May 25, 2012
Reference: TEOB-MZe-12051374

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