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PRESS RELEASE

HMICS to carry out joint inspection of British Transport Police

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HMICS is to conduct a joint inspection of British Transport Police with Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in England and Wales (HMIC). This will allow for HMICS to work with HMIC on its planned inspection of the efficiency, legitimacy and leadership of this UK police service, and will now include an assessment of British Transport Police in Scotland.

HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland Derek Penman said, "In addition to assessing the performance of British Transport Police in Scotland, it is my intention to use this joint inspection to identify any strategic issues arising from the proposed transfer of its Scottish operations to Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority under the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill. Our report and any recommendations or findings could inform future discussions about the implementation of this transfer."

The inspection fieldwork will commence in February 2017.

Note to Editors:

1. The inspection will be conducted under Section 63 of Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 and has already been commissioned by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Transport.
2. The inspection fieldwork will commence in February 2017.
3. A single joint report will be produced with HMIC and will be submitted to the Department of Transport in accordance with the legislation. Although this requires our report to be published by the Secretary of State, copies will be provided to

Scottish Ministers, the Justice Committee and made public through our HMICS website.

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