

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations contain repeals and modifications of provisions of the following enactments and certain instruments thereunder:—

- (a) the Explosives Acts 1875 and 1923;
- (b) the Revenue Act 1909;
- (c) the Fireworks Act 1951; and
- (d) the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953.

They are made in consequence of the establishment on 1st January 1975 of the Health and Safety Executive and the coming into operation on that date of provisions of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 which supersede or affect the said provisions.

The Regulations therefore:—

- (a) transfer certain functions under the said Acts connected with licensing and the execution of the Acts from the Secretary of State to the Health and Safety Executive;
- (b) transfer the functions of government inspectors under the Explosives Acts from such inspectors to inspectors of the Health and Safety Executive;
- (c) apply with certain exceptions to offences under the said Acts committed on or after 1st January 1975 the penalties prescribed in the 1974 Act;
- (d) repeal provisions relating to inquiries, powers of inspectors, the forfeiture of explosives and legal proceedings, which are superseded by provisions contained in the 1974 Act.