EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 as follows:

They amend to 18 April 2021 the date by which the regulations must be reviewed;

They remove a restriction on professional sporting leagues or competitions that had not commenced prior to 18 December 2020;

They remove a requirement that the Regulations expire on 31 March 2021;

They amend a drafting error in relation to the level of fines and fixed penalty notice for certain offences;

They provide that from 1 April 2021-

a garden centre or a plant nursery may operate a click and collect service;

up to 10 persons from 2 households may take part in outdoor exercise;

up to six persons from two households may gather outdoors at a private dwelling.

No regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.