

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to England and Wales, make provision about information relating to taxis and private hire vehicles as part of the aim of securing compliance with Articles 13(1) and 23(1) of [Directive 2008/50/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2008 on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe.

Regulation 3 requires certain bodies to provide to the Secretary of State information relating to each taxi and private hire vehicle which they have licensed to operate.

Regulation 4 enables the Secretary of State to create a database containing the information received under regulation 3, and allows the sharing of that information for the purposes of enforcing measures which have been implemented pursuant to an air quality plan or for the purposes of improving air quality.

A regulatory triage assessment of the effect that these Regulations will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside this instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk. Hard copies can be obtained from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF.