

*These notes refer to the Health and Safety (Offences) Act  
2008 (c.20) which received Royal Assent on 16 October 2008*

# HEALTH AND SAFETY (OFFENCES) ACT 2008

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Section 2: Consequential amendments and repeals*

12. *Subsection (1)* introduces Schedules 2 (consequential amendments) and 3 (repeals) to the Act. *Subsections (2) and (4)* confer power on the Secretary of State, or the appropriate Department in Northern Ireland, to make consequential amendments to existing regulations. This power reflects the fact that existing regulations made under section 15 of the 1974 Act and/or under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, apply section 33 of the 1974 Act with modifications. These modifications will need to be revised to reflect the amendments made by the Act to the 1974 Act. The purpose of including the power at subsections (2) and (4) is to enable the necessary changes to existing regulations to be made by statutory instrument subject to the negative resolution procedure.