

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Regulation 2 applies the provisions of section 40(9)(a) to (e) of the Explosives Act 1875 to acetylene at a pressure between 0.62 bar and 18.0 bar. Those provisions prohibit the importation of explosives into the United Kingdom except under licence issued by the Health and Safety Executive.

Hitherto Order in Council No. 30 dated 2nd February 1937 had prohibited the importation of compressed acetylene into the United Kingdom, and had imposed certain other restrictions in Great Britain in respect of compressed acetylene. Regulation 3 modifies that Order in Council so that it no longer prohibits importation if this is done under licence and no longer applies to the acetylene imported under licence whilst it remains in the cylinder in which it was imported.