EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 15th July 1992 the provisions of the Transport and Works Act 1992 ("the Act") specified in the Schedule to the Order. These include certain provisions relating to the safety of railways and other forms of transport, empowering the Secretary of State to give directions in relation to speeds, loads and insurance cover and making improved provision for the securing of railway crossing gates and barriers. A power of leasing is conferred on certain tramway undertakers.

The Order also brings into force the sections of and Schedules to the Act making changes to the Harbours Act 1964 and associated legislation, in particular in connection with Harbour Revision Orders and Harbour Empowerment Orders. The Order contains a transitional provision which preserves the application of special parliamentary procedure (which is in most circumstances removed) to those Harbour Orders which have already become subject to that procedure. A further transitional provision ensures that the repeal of section 62 of the Harbours Act, which provides for the retention of private Bill and provisional order procedures notwithstanding that the objects of such a Bill or order can be achieved by a Harbour Order, will not apply to any such Bill deposited or order applied for prior to the repeal taking effect.