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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

In Great Britain the Household Appliances (Noise Emission) Regulations 1990 (“the principal Regulations”) implemented Council Directive [86/594/EEC](#) (“the Directive”) on airborne noise emitted by household appliances. These Regulations amend the principal Regulations by:

- (a) extending to Northern Ireland on or after 28th June 1994 the prohibition on marketing by a manufacturer or importer of any household appliance in respect of which the manufacturer or importer has taken steps to inform any person to whom the appliance is to be, or may be, marketed of the level of airborne noise emitted by it unless the level is determined in accordance with article 6 of the Directive; and
- (b) making amendments to the principal Regulations consequential to the extension of their application to Northern Ireland.

These Regulations further amend the principal Regulations by substituting every weights and measures authority in Great Britain and every district council in Northern Ireland for the Secretary of State as the bodies responsible for their enforcement, and by applying certain of the enforcement provisions of the Consumer Protection Act 1987.