

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order brings into force on 19th September 1996 the following provisions of the Noise Act 1996: section 10(7), section 13 and section 14(1) to (3), and (partially) section 10(8), section 10(9) and the Schedule, section 11 and section 12.

Section 10(7) provides that the power of a local authority under section 81(3) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to abate a statutory nuisance by virtue of section 79(1)(g) of that Act (noise emitted from premises) includes power to seize and remove any equipment used in the emission of that noise. The other provisions brought into force by this Order are supplementary and relate to the obstruction of, and protection from personal liability of, persons exercising powers of the local authority and the retention, forfeiture and return of seized equipment.