EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (the "PPC Regulations").

Regulation 2(2) inserts a new category of A(2) activity in Section 2.3 (Surface treating metals and plastic materials) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the PPC Regulations. The new A(2) category consists of the operation of the activity described in Part A(1) of Section 2.3 where it is carried out in conjunction with one or more of the activities specified in regulation 2(2)(b) namely—

- (i) Part A(2) or B of Section 2.1 (Ferrous Metals);
- (ii) Part A(2) or B of Section 2.2 (Non-Ferrous Metals); or
- (iii) Part A(2) or B of Section 6.4 (Coating Activities, Printing and Textile Treatments).

Regulation 2(3) prescribes the "relevant period" (which determines the period when applications for permits must be made) for existing installations or mobile plant which as a result of the Regulations fall within Part A(2) of Section 2.3.

Regulation 3 includes a transitional provision for installations and mobile plant which as a result of the Regulations fall within Part A(2) of Section 2.3.