

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1. These Regulations amend the Biocidal Products Regulations 2001 (S.I.2001/880) and the Biocidal Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. 2001/422) by introducing a general industry charge (thereby implementing Article 25 of Directive 98/8 of the European Parliament and the Council of 16 February 1998 (OJNo. L123, 24.4.98)).

2. Regulations 3 and 4 insert new regulations 39A and the Schedules to these Regulations. The Schedules provide for the Ministers and the Executive to make an annual charge, persons liable to pay that charge, calculation of the charge and notification of liability to pay.

3. A copy of the regulatory impact assessment prepared in respect of these Regulations can be obtained from the Health and Safety Executive, Economic Adviser's Unit, Rose Court, 2 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HS. A copy of the transposition note in relation to implementation of the Directive set out in paragraph 1 can be obtained from the Health and Safety Executive, International Branch at the same address. Copies of both these documents have been placed in the Library of each House of Parliament.