EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for Use Outdoors Regulations 2001 (S.I.2001/1701), as amended by S.I. 2001/3958.

These Regulations implement European Parliament and Council Directive 2005/88/EC (OJNo. L344, 27.12.2005, p44) which amends European Parliament and Council Directive 2000/14/EC (OJ No. L162, 3.7.2000, p1) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors.

The table in these Regulations amends the sound power limits for the following categories of equipment—

- walk-behind vibrating rollers;
- vibratory plates (>3 kW);
- vibratory rammers;
- dozers (steel tracked);
- loaders (steel tracked >55 kW);
- combustion-engine driven counterbalanced lift trucks;
- compacting screed paver-finishers;
- hand-held internal combustion-engine concrete-breakers and picks (15<m<30); and
- single engine mobile cranes.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment and a Transposition Note have been prepared. Copies can be obtained from the Department of Trade and Industry, Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate, 151 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9SS, telephone 020 7215 5000. Copies have also been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.