

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend section 97 of the Transport Act 1968 to set the date from which the new digital tachograph must be fitted to a new vehicle which requires a tachograph.

The digital tachograph is provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No.2135/98, which amended Regulation (EEC) No.3821/85 on recording equipment in road transport and specified the date from which vehicles first put into service were to be fitted with digital tachographs, that is to say tachographs complying with Annex IB and Annex II. That date, which did not have practical effect, has been amended to 1st May 2006 by Article 27 of Council Regulation (EC) No.561/2006 of 15th March 2006, which was published on 11th April 2006 (OJ L102, 11.4.2006, p.1.). The new date is included in the new definition of “relevant Annexes” substituted by these Regulations.