EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision for penalties and enforcement in respect of Council Regulation (EC) No 1236/ 2005 of 27 June 2005 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment ("the Regulation").

Regulations 2 and 3 provide for criminal offences in relation to a breach of the provision relating to technical assistance in Article 4 of the Regulation.

Regulation 4 provides for licensing. Regulation 5 provides for penalties in respect of criminal offences created by these Regulations. Regulation 6 provides for their enforcement.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.