EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision in relation to licensed premises gaming machine permits ("permits"), including the form of a permit and various fees.

The Gambling Act 2005 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2006 (SI 2006/3272), makes transitional provision relating to the conversion of section 34 permits in respect of alcohol licensed premises (permits under section 34 of the Gaming Act 1968 (c. 65), granted in respect of premises which are licensed for the supply of alcohol on the premises), into licensed premises gaming machine permits under the Gambling Act 2005. In specified circumstances, local authorities must grant a permit to holders of an equivalent section 34 permit, defined in paragraph 3 of the Regulations as "existing operators".

Regulation 3(a) prescribes the fee for applying for a permit. Existing operators will be required to pay a different application fee. Regulations 3(b) and (c) prescribe the fees for applying to vary and transfer a permit respectively.

Regulation 4 and the Schedule to these Regulations prescribe the form of the permit.

Regulations 5 and 6 prescribe the first annual fee and the annual fee for a permit respectively. Regulation 7 prescribes the period within which a first annual fee must be paid.

Regulation 8 prescribes the fee for substituting a name on a permit. The name on a permit may be substituted if the permit holder changes his name or wishes to be known by another name.

Regulation 9 prescribes the fee for applying for a copy of the permit. A permit holder may apply for a copy of the permit if it is lost, stolen or damaged.

A full Regulatory Impact Assessment of the costs and benefits of these Regulations is available from the Premises Licence Team, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5DH, telephone 020 7211 6368.