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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations implement in part the amendments made by Directive [2009/3/EC](#) of the European Parliament and the Council (OJ L114, 7.5.2009, p 10) to Council Directive [80/181/EEC](#) (OJ L39, 15.2.1980, p 40) which relates to the use of units of measurement.

Regulation 3 removes the time limit (specified in the Weights and Measures Act 1985 and the Units of Measurement Regulations 1986 (“the 1986 Regulations”)) on the use of supplementary indications of quantity expressed in imperial units of measurement (31 December 2009). The use of such supplementary indications is, therefore, permitted indefinitely. Regulation 5 makes consequential amendments to the Units of Measurement Regulations 2001, which inserted the time limit in question.

Regulation 4 makes a number of amendments to the 1986 Regulations, in order to implement technical measures adopted by the General Conference on Weights and Measures. For example, a new unit of measurement, the “katal” is included within the International System of Units as the unit of measurement of catalytic activity, so as to ensure a uniform indication of units of measurement in the fields of medicine and biochemistry.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.