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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings into force on 26 July 2010 certain provisions of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (“the Act”) which amend the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984. These include revised and expanded powers to make health protection regulations, both with regard to the spread of infection or contamination from international travel, and with regard to domestic provision for protecting against, or responding to, infection or contamination. There are new powers for justices of the peace to make orders requiring health protection measures to be taken in relation to persons, things or premises. Justices of the peace will also be able to direct any action that might be appropriate to give effect to their orders. There are also modified rights of entry and enforcement arrangements relating to health protection measures. In addition, there are a number of transitional and savings provisions, primarily in relation to the notice requirements under pre-existing legislation.