

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prohibit the sale of tobacco from an automatic machine.

Regulation 2 prohibits the sale of tobacco from an automatic machine. Liability for a breach of this prohibition will fall on the person who controls or manages the premises in which the automatic machine is located.

A draft of these Regulations has been notified to the European Commission as a technical standard, pursuant to Directive [98/34/EC](#) of the European Parliament and the Council (OJ No L204, 21.7.98, p37) laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations, as amended.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and other sectors of the economy is available from Health Improvement Policy Branch, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Room C4, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3SQ.