EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement the third subparagraph of Article 17(5) of Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time (OJNo. L299, 18.11.2003, p. 9).

Regulation 2 amends regulation 25A of the Working Time Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998. These amendments provide for the 48 hour working time limit for doctors in training to be increased to 52 hours for certain doctors in training until 31st July 2011. Regulation 3 inserts a new Schedule 2A into the Working Time Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998, which lists those categories of doctors in training to whom this 52-hour working time limit applies.

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