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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations consolidate with amendments the Perambulators and Pushchairs (Safety) Regulations 1978, the Perambulators and Pushchairs (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978, the Pushchairs (Safety) Regulations 1985 and the Perambulators and Pushchairs (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986.

Regulation 3 provides that wheeled child conveyances (which include perambulators and pushchairs) must conform to British Standard Specification 7409:1996. Until 1st January 1999, however, pushchairs may be supplied which do not conform to that standard, provided that they conform to British Standard Specification 4792:1984. Further, until the same date, perambulators may be supplied which do not conform to British Standard 7409:1996, provided that they comply with certain specified requirements relating to brakes, stability, harness anchorage points and, for folding perambulators, locking devices.

Regulation 2(4) provides that, where these Regulations require wheeled child conveyances, perambulators and pushchairs to conform to specified British Standards or to comply with specified provisions of British Standards, these requirements are to be regarded as satisfied where the wheeled child conveyances, perambulators and pushchairs conform to standards or specifications recognised for use in any member State of the European Community or any other State within the European Economic Area, so long as those standards or specifications provide for equivalent levels of safety.

These Regulations were notified in draft to the European Commission in accordance with Council Directive [83/189/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L109, 26.4.1983, p.8), as amended.

Copies of the British Standards referred to in these Regulations may be obtained from any of the sales outlets operated by the British Standards Institution (BSI), by post from the BSI at 389 Chiswick High Road, London W4 4AL or from any of the bookshops operated by the Stationery Office Limited.