EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply to England only, amend the Commission for Social Care Inspection (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2004 in order to increase the amount of the fees that are to be paid to the Commission for Social Care Inspection by establishments and agencies (other than voluntary adoption agencies, independent hospitals, independent clinics, independent medical agencies and local authority fostering services) under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000. The increases take effect from 1st April 2005.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared for these Regulations and a copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies of the Regulatory Impact Assessment can be obtained from the Department of Health's website www.doh.gov.uk/regulatoryimpact/index.htm.

In addition, a copy can be obtained from Room 207, Wellington House, 133-135 Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8UG.