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, the voluntary sector and the public sector is available from the Tobacco Programme, Department of Health, Room 712, Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website (www.opsi.gov.uk).