EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations give effect to Commission Decision 2014/702/EU(**1**) amending Decision 2007/131/EC on allowing the use of radio spectrum equipment using ultra-wideband technology in a harmonised manner in the Community.

The Regulations exempt the establishment, installation or use of equipment using ultra-wideband technology from the requirement to be licensed under section 8(1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (c.36) ("the Act").

Parts 2 to 7 of the Regulations provide exemptions for the general use of ultra-wideband equipment, for ultra–wideband equipment in location tracking systems, automotive vehicles, railway vehicles, onboard aircraft, in material sensing devices and for building material analysis (all complying with certain terms, provisions and limitations) from the need to be licensed under the Act.

These regulations revoke and replace the Wireless Telegraphy (Ultra-Wideband Equipment) (Exemption) Regulations 2009 (S.I.2009/2517) and the Wireless Telegraphy (Ultra-Wideband Equipment) (Exemption)(Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/2761).

The ETSI harmonised standards referred to in the regulations are available to the public on the ETSI website at http://www.etsi.org or from the ETSI Secretariat at 650 Route des Lucioles, 06921 Sophia-Anitpoles Cedex, France (Tel: +33 4 92 94 42 00).

A full list of all the harmonised standards for ultra-wideband equipment whose reference numbers have been published in the Official Journal of the European Union under Article 5 of Council Directive 1999/5/EC can be found on the European Commission internet website at: http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/european-standards/harmonised-standards/rtte/index_en.htm

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that these Regulations will have on the costs to business is available to the public from OFCOM's website at http://www.ofcom.org.uk or from the OFCOM library at Riverside House, 2a Southwark Bridge Road, London, SE1 9HA. Copies of this assessment have been placed in the library of the House of Commons.

(**1**) OJ No L 293, 9.10.2014, p48.