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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order consolidates with amendments the law relating to licences for the sale by retail of intoxicating liquor. The principal amendments are—

- (a) the kinds of premises which may be licensed are extended to include guest houses, conference centres and higher education institutions;
- (b) licences to be valid for up to 5 years;
- (c) the sale of intoxicating liquor is permitted along with other goods;
- (d) the compulsory afternoon break in the permitted hours on a Sunday is abolished;
- (e) the permitted hours for off-licences are extended;
- (f) additional permitted hours may be allowed for licensed premises providing entertainment or food or both and on 20 occasions in any year for other licensed premises without any conditions;
- (g) children, in the company of an adult, are to be allowed in certain licensed premises which are certified in that respect;
- (h) the prohibition on a restaurant having a bar is abolished; and
- (i) licensed premises are permitted to open outside the permitted hours for any purpose which does not involve the sale of intoxicating liquor.