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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Commencement Order is made by the Department of Health under section 20(3) of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.

It brings into operation the following provisions on 1st June 2017:

- section 1 – allows regulations to be made to prohibit the sale of nicotine products to persons under the age of 18 and to prohibit the proxy purchase of such products;
- section 2 – allows the making of regulations to prohibit the sale of nicotine products by an automatic vending machine;
- section 3(2) – allows the making of regulations which may amend, repeal, revoke or modify any statutory provision in connection with any provision made in relation to the sale of nicotine products to persons under the age of 18 or from vending machines;
- section 4 – increases the penalty for selling tobacco from an automatic vending machine from a level 4 to a level 5 offence;
- section 5 – allows for regulations to be made to prohibit the use of tobacco in a private vehicle when a person under the age of 18 is in the vehicle;
- section 7 – interpretation.