EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose requirements on persons ("operators") operating commercial transport services for passengers travelling to Northern Ireland by sea or air from outside England, Wales, Scotland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland (the "common travel area" by virtue of section 1(3) of the Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)).

Regulation 3 requires operators to ensure that passengers who arrive in Northern Ireland on such services have been provided with certain public health information in the required manner, on three separate occasions. Breach of this requirement is an offence.

Regulation 4 requires the Department of Health to review these Regulations every 21 days.

Regulation 5 provides that these Regulations expire 12 months after they come into force.

A full impact assessment has not been completed due to the urgent nature of this instrument.