EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986.

Regulation 3 replaces regulation 13A of the 1986 Regulations (which relates to the turning circle of articulated vehicles other than those incorporating a car transporter) with a new regulation which consolidates the amendments previously made to regulation 13A and modifies the categories of articulated vehicle which are exempted from that regulation.

Regulation 4 inserts a new paragraph (2A) into regulation 61, the effect of which is to provide that Tables I and II of Regulation 61 shall not apply to motor vehicles that are first used after the coming into force of this instrument. The regulation also adds a reference to ECE Regulations into column 4(a) of items 11 to 14 of Table II.

Regulation 5 introduces a new regulation 61A applying to certain motor vehicles first used after the coming into force of this instrument. The new regulation requires motor vehicles to comply with such design, construction and equipment requirements and limit values as apply to them by virtue of Community Directives or ECE Regulations specified in item 1 or 2 of the Table. The Table incorporates references to recent Directives 98/69/EC, 1999/96/EC and 1999/102/EC. Reference is also made to the small series exemption set out in the Framework Directive (regulation 5(5)).

Regulation 6 adds items to the list of Community Directives specified in Schedule 2.

Regulation 7 amends Schedule 2A, the effect of which is to provide that paragraphs (10A), (10AA) and (10BA) of regulation 61 and regulation 61A shall not apply to motor vehicles which have been issued with either a passenger vehicle approval certificate or a goods vehicle approval certificate (as defined in Schedule 2A).

Regulation 8 makes consequential amendments to Schedule 7XA.

Copies of the relevant Directives and ECE regulations can be obtained from the Stationery Office.

Regulatory Impact Assessments for Directives 98/69/EC and 1999/96/EC have been prepared and copies can be obtained from the Transport, Environment and Taxation Division, the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Zone 4/15, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR, telephone number 0207 944-2063. A copy has been placed in the library of both Houses of Parliament.