

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order is made under section 1 of the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 (c. 6). It removes the requirement in the Sunday Trading Act 1994 (c. 20) for large shops in England and Wales to give prior written notification to the local authority for the area in which the shop is situated of the Sunday opening hours or of a change in those hours.

The Order also repeals the restriction contained in section 26 of the Revenue Act 1889 (c. 42) on the sale of methylated spirits between 10 pm on Saturday and 8 am on the following Monday morning. This repeal only has effect in relation to England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment, estimating the financial impact of the Order on businesses, can be obtained from: Rukiya Pathan, Fair Markets Group, Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET.