EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Blood Quality and Safety Regulations 2005.

Regulation 4 (b) and (c) amend the provisions which provide that where an objection is made to a notice served by the Secretary of State suspending or revoking a blood establishment authorisation, or requiring a hospital blood bank to refrain from certain activities, that notice shall not take effect until the process for considering such objections has been completed. The amendment provides that this does not apply in a case where the Secretary of State determines in the interests of public safety that the notice should take effect from the date originally specified.

Regulation 8 concerns penalties for criminal offences. The principal Regulations provided in error that the maximum period of imprisonment to which a person could be sentenced on summary conviction for certain offences should be six months. Regulation 5 substitutes the term of three months.

Regulations 2, 3, 4(a), 5, 6 and 7 make minor corrections.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for these Regulations as they have no effect on business.