EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement the provisions of Council Directive 2002/15/EC concerning the organisation of the working time of persons performing mobile road transport activities.

The Regulations prescribe the maximum weekly working time and maximum average weekly working time of mobile workers who, in the course of their work, drive or travel in goods or passenger vehicles which are covered by the Community Drivers' Hours (Council Regulation (EEC) 3820/85) and they prescribe the reference periods over which such time is to be calculated.

They also regulate periods of availability, breaks, rest periods and night work.

They require employers to keep records of time worked and to provide copies.

They make it an offence to fail to comply with their requirements and provide for enforcement.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been produced and a copy placed in the library of both Houses of Parliament. Copies may be obtained from the Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR. Alternatively copies can be obtained from the Department's website which is at www.dft.gov.uk

A transposition note has been prepared and copies may be obtained from the Department for Transport, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR.