EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend and revoke two statutory instruments relating to product safety.

Regulation 2 amends the Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety Regulations) 2010 to substitute a lower age restriction for the supply of a Christmas cracker which is a category 1 firework. This is in line with the minimum limit set by Directive 2007/23/EC on the placing on the market of pyrotechnic articles (OJ L154, 14/6/2007, p.1).

Regulation 3 revokes the Pencils and Graphic Instruments (Safety) Regulations 1998.

An impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs to business and the voluntary sector is available from the BIS website (www.bis.gov.uk). It is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside a copy of the instrument at: www.legislation.gov.uk.