EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make miscellaneous amendments to Acts of Parliament and statutory instruments that are consequential on the coming into force of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (which transpose Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on public procurement (OJ No L 94, 28.3.2014, p63)), the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (which transpose Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors (OJ No L 94, 28.3.2014, p243)) and the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 (which transpose Directive 2014/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the award of concession contracts (OJ No L 94, 28.3.2104)). Schedule 3 to these Regulations contains consequential revocations and repeals.

These Regulations also make a corrective amendment to the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011 and miscellaneous amendments to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, including some corrective amendments and amendments to transpose Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1986 establishing standard forms for the publication of notices in the field of public procurement (OJ No L 296, 12.11.2015, p1). This Commission Implementing Regulation sets out the required standard format for notices sent to the Publications Office of the European Union for publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum is available alongside the instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.