
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for temporary exceptions to some of the requirements in Articles 6 to 9 of Regulation (EC) 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport (“Drivers’ Hours Regulation”). The Drivers’ Hours Regulation forms part of retained EU law.

The temporary exceptions provide for some relaxations in respect of drivers’ hours and rest periods for the period from 22nd January 2021 to 31st March 2021 and are made as a response to the adverse impact on the carriage by road of goods caused by the exceptional circumstances arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and the UK’s withdrawal from the European Union.

Regulation 5 provides that these Regulations cease to have effect on 1st April 2021 (at the end of the relaxation period during which the temporary exceptions apply).

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument.

An Explanatory Memorandum for this instrument has been published alongside these Regulations at www.legislation.gov.uk.