

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Working Time Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998, [S.R. 1998 No. 386](#) as amended by [S.R. 1998 No. 422](#) (“the principal Regulations”) which implement Council Directive [93/104/EC](#) concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time (O.J. No. 307, 13.12.93, p. 18) and provisions concerning working time in Council Directive [94/33/EC](#) on the protection of young people at work (O.J. No. L216, 20.8.94, p. 12).

The Regulations provide for the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland to assume the enforcement functions previously exercised by the Department of Economic Development under the principal Regulations.