

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make changes to the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (S.I.1986/1078) consequent upon certain provisions in the Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/1970) which require power operated boarding lifts and ramps fitted to regulated public service vehicles to activate or produce an audible signal when in operation.

Accordingly, *regulation 37* (audible warning instruments) is amended to include in paragraph (10) a definition of “boarding aid alarms” and to bring such alarms within the provisions (paragraphs (2) and (3)) controlling the permitted sound to be emitted from them. *Regulation 99* (use of audible warning instruments) is amended so as to bring boarding aid alarms within paragraph (2) and enable them to be used whilst the vehicle is stationary and to include them within paragraph (3) so as to prevent their use if the signal would be likely to be confused with the sound emitted in the operation of a pedestrian crossing.